

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, OCTOBER 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
- Jack B. Veit, III., Assistant County Manager
- Richard F. Hemphill, County Finance Officer
- Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
- Jim Hicks, County Attorney
- Aaron Arnette, County Attorney Associate

Following an invocation by Commissioner Sisk and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sampson moved to approve minutes of September 20, 2010 regular session, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Tyson requested to remove Subdivisions for Approval from the consent agenda due to an issue he had with the Croatan Crossing Subdivision and his concern about the drainage in the area in light of recent flooding. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, stated that Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, is still working with engineers to install additional culverts. This item was deferred for Mr. Baumgardner to address the concerns.

Budget Amendments

County Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, submitted the following budget amendments for the Board's approval. Commissioner Allen moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and carried with six (6) "Ayes", there being one (1) "Nay" from Commissioner Tyson.

DSS 7291 Mandated

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-7211-349-19-00 Inc Maint Staff & Ovh	\$30,827.00	101-7201-450-40-50 Cont. Employees	\$30,827.00
TOTAL	\$30,827.00	TOTAL	\$30,827.00

Justification: Funds received to offset expense of Low Income Energy Assistance Program workers is greater than original budget estimates. Funds are 100% Federal.

DSS 7221 Adult Services

101-7221-349-22-0 Services Staff & Overhead	\$7,353.00
101-00-399-01-0 Fund Balance	\$(7,353.00)

TOTAL \$0.00

Justification: Funding authorization for SSBG (Social Services Block Grant) is great than original budget estimates. The SSBG Federal portion is \$1,477 higher, 100% federal funds. The SSBG State portion is \$5,876 higher, 75% State funds/25% County.

DSS 7231 TANF

101-7231-349-23-0	\$(1,477.00)		
TANF Staff & Overhead			
101-00-399-01-0	\$1,477.00		
Fund Balance			
101-7231-349-23-00	\$2,898.00	101-7231-450-39-35	\$2,898.00
TANF Staff & Overhead		TANF Domestic Viol.	
TOTAL	\$2,898.00	TOTAL	\$2,898.00

Justification: Funding authorization for TANF transfer to SSBG (for staff salary & benefits coded to TANF to SSBG): Decrease of \$1,477 from original State estimates. Funding authorization for Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, new domestic violence funding. Both TANF funds are 100% Federal.

Tax Releases

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, submitted the following tax releases for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Allen moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner McCabe with six (6) “Ayes”, there being one (1) “Nay” from Commissioner Tyson.

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
BELL, LEROY FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2010-0003765	\$37.70
HECHTMAN, GEORGE J BOAT NOT IN CRAVEN COUNTY 1/1/10	2010-0090166	\$12,308.21
IPOCK, EVANGELINE ADJ. RECYCLE FOR SENIOR REBILL	2010-0090248	\$24.00
LUCAS, HERBERT HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2010-0031945	\$24.82
RCAM, YTEN DOUBLE LISTED ON SAME ACCOUNT	2010-0090277	\$629.43
SHAMY, ANTHONY M & TAMMY M DID NOT OWN 1-1-2010	2010-0046379	\$1,772.24
TADLOCK, W H & JOHN GRIFFIN FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2010-0050120	\$34.75
TRADER, FRANCES R SOLD IN 2009	2010-0051780	\$178.08
UNKNOWN OWNER FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2010-0052671	\$11.77

UNKNOWN OWNER FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2010-0052672	\$12.25
WATSON, JOHN G REL FIRE ONLY S/B BILLED BY 8N	2010-0054206	\$26.89
WHETSTONE, YAEKO DOUBLE LISTED REAL AND PERSONAL	2010-0055244	\$618.93
11 – CREDIT MEMO (S)		\$15,679.07

Recreation Trails Grant

The contract between the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and the Craven County Recreation and Parks for a 2010 Trail Grant was presented to the Board. The purpose of the grant is for the installation of a walking/nature trail at Cove City Park. The Board was requested to authorize the Chairman and County Manager to execute the document. Commissioner Allen moved to authorize the Chairman and the County Manager to execute the contract, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe with six (6) “Ayes”, there being one (1) “Nay” from Commissioner Tyson.

School Borrowing

The Board considered two documents relating to the lease of the Gurganus Elementary School. The County will take title to the property and then lease the facility to the Board of Education as a result of the school being used as collateral in the upcoming financing. The two documents spell out the responsibilities of each party. The County should not incur any additional costs as a result of ownership, as the Board of Education will continue to insure the building. The agreement also spells out the \$200,000 annual reduction of capital outlay to the Board of Education to be used as repayment of the loan, in addition to a Memorandum of Understanding. The Board was advised that the closing of the borrowing is scheduled for October 15, 2010. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the lease documents and Memorandum of Understanding, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe with six (6) “Ayes”, there being one (1) “Nay from Commissioner Tyson.

Health Department Fee Request

The following schedule of adjustment to fees in the clinics was recommended by the Health Board to make charges equal to or greater than the rates paid by Medicaid and Medicare in order to receive full reimbursement for services. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the fee adjustments, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe with six (6) “Ayes, there being one (1) “Nay” from Commissioner Tyson.

Fee Increase Recommended:

<u>Procedure Code/Description</u>	<u>Medicaid/Insurance Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
<u>Child Health Immunizations</u>		
Dtap/90700 (Tripedia)	\$24.70 (BCBS)	\$20.00
IPV/90713 (Lpol)	\$24.79	\$24.79
HIB/90647 (ActHib)	\$19.68	\$19.68
Menactra/90734	\$101.65	\$101.65
Tdap/90715 (Boostrix)	\$33.87	\$33.87
Hep A/90633	\$34.34 (BCBS)	\$20.00
Rotariz/90684 (Rotavirus)	\$122.85 (BCBS)	\$110.00
MMR/90707	\$41.02	\$41.02
Varicella/90716 (Varivax)	\$70.82	\$70.82
HPV/90649 (Gardasil)	\$135.73	\$135.73
Hep B/90744 (Recombovax)	\$21.78	\$21.78
Prevnar/90670 (PCV-13)	\$130.35 (BCBS)	\$115.00
Flumist/90660	\$14.95 (BCBS)	\$20.00

Reasons for Additions and Increases:

Private stock will be used for patients with insurance.

Adult Health Immunizations

Varicella Titer/86787 \$25.00 flat fee

Maternity Clinic

Varicella Titer/86787

Reasons for Additions

To cover cost of Titer

PUBLIC HEARINGS – 7:00 P.M.*Justice Assistance Grant*

Capt. Jesse Pittman of the Sheriff's Department presented proposed grant disbursements for equipment for the Special Response Team (SRT). The Board went into public hearing, as advertised, at 7:11 p.m. following a motion by Commissioner Sampson, to receive public input on the Sheriff's Department's proposed use of funds from the 2010-2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$15,448, which is 100% federally funded. No County funds are required. There were no citizens from the public who wished to speak and at 7:12 p.m. Commissioner McCabe moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Sampson moved to allow the department to receive the grant, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Amendments to Craven County Code

At the regular session of September 7, 2010 the County Attorney presented proposed Amendments to the General Penalties and Adult Establishment Regulations sections of the Craven County Code of Ordinances. County Attorney Associate, Aaron Arnett, presented proposed consideration of these amendments, which provide that in the penalties section, that violations are not treated as criminal misdemeanors, but only civil penalties would apply. This will enable the County to retain funds from civil penalties, whereas fines collected from criminal penalties would be required to be allocated to the schools.

At 7:16 p.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to go into public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Sisk. There were no citizens who wished to speak and at 7:17 p.m. Commissioner McCabe moved to go out of public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Sisk. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the Amendments to the General Penalties, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Sec. 1-11. General penalty.

(a) Any act constituting a violation of the provisions of this Code or a failure to comply with any of its requirements shall subject the offender to a civil penalty of \$500.00. If the offender fails to remedy the violation and pay any civil penalty within ten days after being cited for said violation (or within the time prescribed by a citation if it provides for a longer period of time than ten days), the civil penalty may be recovered in a civil action in the nature of a debt. Civil penalties begin to accrue from the date of the first notice of violation.

(b) This Code may also be enforced by any appropriate equitable action authorized by law, including injunctive relief, whether or not there is an adequate remedy at law.

(c) Each day that any violation continues, regardless of the date of notice, shall be considered a separate offense for purposes of the penalties and remedies specified in this section. In such an event, civil penalties begin to accrue from the date of the first notice of violation. For continuing violations, the initial citation and requirement that the civil penalty be paid within the time prescribed therein shall be the only notice required to be given; and shall be deemed to be an on-going citation and notice for continuing violations after the date of the citation.

(d) Any one, all, or any combination of the foregoing penalties and remedies may be used to enforce this Code.

(e) Violations of the provisions of this Code or failure to comply with any of its requirements shall not constitute a misdemeanor as provided in G.S. 14-4, unless any specific penalty set forth elsewhere provides to the contrary.

Sec. 1-12. Alternate remedies for enforcement.

In addition to the provisions of section 1-11, any provision of this Code or other ordinance of the county may be enforced by any one or more of the remedies authorized by G.S. 153A-123, excluding misdemeanor charges as provided in G.S. 14-4, unless any specific penalty set forth elsewhere provides to the contrary.

Commissioner Allen moved to also approve the Adult Establishment Regulations, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
CHAPTER 4 (“Amusements and Entertainments”)
ARTICLE IV (“Adult Establishments”)
OF THE
CRAVEN COUNTY
CODE OF ORDINANCES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Craven County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. That a new Section 4-83 (“Purpose and Intent”) be added to read as follows:

Sec. 4-83. Purpose and Intent.

(A) It is the purpose of this Chapter of the Craven County Code of Ordinances to regulate adult business establishments in order to promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of Craven County, as well as to establish reasonable and uniform regulations and licensing requirements to prevent the harmful location and concentration of adult business establishments in Craven County. Adult business establishments, because of their very nature, are recognized as having serious objectionable operational characteristics. Studies and experiences that are relevant to North Carolina have shown that lower property values and increased crime rates tend to accompany and are brought about by adult business establishments. The Board of Commissioners finds that regulation of these uses is necessary to ensure that these adverse secondary effects do not have harmful impacts on the health, safety, morals, welfare, or peace and dignity of the County and do not contribute to the blighting of surrounding neighborhoods.

(B) The provisions of this Chapter have neither the purpose nor effect of imposing a limitation or restriction on the content of any communicative materials, including sexually oriented materials. Similarly, it is neither the intent nor effect of this Chapter to restrict or deny access by adults to sexually oriented materials protected by the First Amendment, or to deny access by the distributors and exhibitors of sexually oriented entertainment to their intended market. Neither is it the intent nor effect of this Chapter to condone or legitimize the distribution of obscene material.

(C) This Chapter represents a balancing of the legitimate ends of the community by imposing an incidental, content-neutral, place, time, and manner regulation of adult business establishments, without limiting alternative avenues of communication; and, at the same time, requiring the business to carry its share of the financing, administrative, and enforcement activities.

2. That Section 4-84 ("Findings") is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4-84. Findings

(A) Based on evidence concerning the adverse secondary effects of adult uses on the community presented in hearings and reports made available to the Board, and on findings incorporated in the cases of City of Reton v. Playtime Theatres, Inc., 475 U.S. 41 (1986), Young v. American Mini Theatres, 426 U.S. 50 (1976), and Barnes v. Glen Theatre, Inc., 501 U.S. 560 (1991), and on studies in other communities, including, but not limited to, Phoenix, Arizona; Garden Grove, California; Los Angeles, California; Whittier, California; Indianapolis, Indiana; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Cleveland, Ohio; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Amarillo, Texas; Austin, Texas; Beaumont, Texas; Houston, Texas; and Seattle, Washington; and also on the findings from the Report of the Attorney General's Working Group On The Regulation Of Sexually Oriented Businesses (June 6, 1989, State of Minnesota), the Board finds:

(1) Adult business establishments lend themselves to ancillary unlawful and unhealthy activities, the control of which presents challenges to the operators of such establishments. Further, there is presently no mechanism in this County to make the owners of such establishments responsible for the activities that would occur on their premises.

(2) Certain employees of adult business establishments defined in this Chapter as adult theaters, adult cabarets, adult arcades, adult motels and adult video stores engage in higher incidence of certain types of illicit sexual behavior than employees of other establishments.

(3) Sexual acts, including masturbation, and oral and anal sex, occur at adult business establishments, especially those that provide poorly lit, overly crowded, private or semi-private areas, booths, or cubicles for viewing films, videos, or live sex shows.

(4) Persons frequent certain adult theatres, adult cabarets, adult arcades, adult motels and other adult business establishments for the purpose of engaging in sex within the premises of such establishments.

(5) At least 50 communicable diseases may be spread by activities occurring in adult business establishments, including, but not limited to, syphilis, gonorrhea, human immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV-AIDS), genital herpes, and hepatitis B.

(6) The surgeon general of the United States in his report of October 22, 1986, has advised the American public that AIDS and HIV infections may be transmitted through sexual contact, intravenous drug abuse, exposure to infected blood and blood components, and from an infected mother to her newborn.

(7) According to the best scientific evidence, AIDS and HIV infection, as well as syphilis and gonorrhea, are principally transmitted by sexual acts.

(8) Sanitary conditions in some adult business establishments are unhealthy, in part, because the activities conducted there are unhealthy, and, in part, because of the unregulated nature of the activities and the failure of the owners and the operators of the facilities to self-regulate those activities and maintain those facilities.

(9) Numerous studies and reports have determined that semen is found in the areas of adult businesses where persons view "adult" oriented films.

(10) The findings noted in paragraphs number 1 through 9 raise substantial governmental concerns.

(11) Adult business establishments have operational characteristics that should be reasonably regulated in order to protect those substantial governmental concerns.

(12) A reasonable licensing procedure is an appropriate mechanism to place the burden of that reasonable regulation on the owners and the operators of the adult business establishments. Further, such a licensing procedure will establish an incentive for the owners and operators to see that the adult business establishment is run in a manner consistent with the health, safety and welfare of its patrons and employees, as well as the citizens of the County. It is appropriate to require reasonable assurances that the licensee is the actual operator of the sexually oriented business, fully in possession and control of the premises and activities occurring therein.

(13) Prohibition of doors on adult booths and requiring sufficient lighting on premises with adult booths advances a substantial governmental interest in curbing the illegal and unsanitary sexual activity occurring in adult business establishments.

(14) The disclosure of certain information by those persons ultimately responsible for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of adult business establishments, where such information is substantially related to the significant governmental interest in the operation of such uses, will aid in preventing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

(15) It is desirable in the prevention of the spread of communicable diseases to obtain a limited amount of information regarding employees who may engage in the conduct that this Chapter is designed to prevent or who are likely to be witnesses to such activity.

(16) The general welfare, health, morals and safety of the citizens of the County will be promoted by the enactment of this Chapter.

(17) Craven County has the authority to regulate the operation of adult business establishments pursuant to the North Carolina General Statutes, including but not limited to §§ 160A-181.1, 18B-904 and 14-202.11.

3. That Section 4-88 (“Issuance of permit”) shall be amended to include a new Subsection (a)(7) to read as follows:

(7) Alcohol of any kind will be served or offered for sale at the adult establishment, or the consumption of alcohol will be permitted upon the premises.

This Ordinance is adopted and effective this 4th day of October, 2010.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

James Moore, 119 Gibbs Road, addressed the Board in regards to a next door neighbor who has 20-30 dogs in their yard on 2/10 acre, which affects his family’s quality of life and enjoyment of property. He is concerned that it devalues his property. Commissioner Jones inquired if there is an agency that he can be connected with. County Attorney, Jim Hicks, indicated that he could refer Mr. Moore. Commissioner Allen asked what Animal Control can do as a health issue, and suggested that Mr. Moore pursue that avenue.

Stuart Smith, 629 Alexis Drive, addressed the Board concerning a family in his neighborhood that has 4 hunting dogs in a confined area, causing a high odor. Animal Control Director, Kathryn Smith, talked to the neighbor and they cleaned the pen immediately, but the problem has recurred. He asked the Board to consider a measure

that would address such noxious odors. Commissioner Allen stated that he would bring this matter to the attention of the Health Board.

Hal James, appeared on behalf of the Taxpayer's Association with concerns about mass tax assessments. He deferred this matter.

Tyker Gonzales, 158 Turkey Quarter Creek Road, spoke to the Board regarding tax assessment on the Wetherington horse farm. The matter has since been resolved, as the tax office has found a provision whereby horses may be regarded as livestock and pasture land as agriculture. She thanked the Commissioners who assisted her. Commissioner Jones stated that he has had calls from other farms who have concerns about value assessments and the methodology of making some of those assessments. Chairman Morris took issue with using a median value within a range for all parcels of a class when structures may be differing ages, conditions and values.

Charlie Simmons, 2218 Tuscarora Rhems Road, addressed the Board concerning the following issues:

1. He feels that hog farms can pose a health hazard for those who live nearby and this issue should be taken into account in setting property values.
2. He feels that prayer in Jesus' name has scriptural justification/instruction.
3. He feels that there should not be a tax increase in the middle of a recession.

EASTERN CAROLINA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Roy Wilson, Area Director for East Carolina Behavioral Health, presented the semi-annual report. He stated that ECBH is in the midst of growth and has been give the responsibility for all ten counties of the Albemarle region. It is presently the largest LME in the State. County contributions in the Albemarle have been more structured in the past than in the Neuse district, which have been based on voluntary contribution above the minimum amount. As a result, some counties in the Albemarle have not completely fulfilled their obligation. Currently training is being done for law enforcement on diffusing situations, etc. In the last several years they have reduced commitments to Cherry Hospital from catchment area by 60%.

DEFERRED SUBDIVISION – CROATAN CROSSING

Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, stated that Engineers and developers are planning to meet this week and he recommended that it would be advisable to hold off on approval of the Croatan Crossing Townhomes Section I until the engineer and developer complete their analysis. It was the consensus of the Board to defer approval of this subdivision.

SUBDIVISIONS FOR APPROVAL

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, submitted the following subdivisions for the Board's approval. Commissioner Tyson moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Codie W. Gray & John D. Gray Division – Final: The property, owned by Jessie Riggs and surveyed by Matthews Surveying, is located within Twp. 1 off of SR 1238 (Willis Road). The subdivision contains 1 lot on 6.67 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and an individual septic system.

John E. Ipock and Jerry Ipock Division – Final: The property, owned by John E. Ipock and surveyed by Gaskins Land Surveying, is located within Twp. 1 off of SR 1643 (Oak Grove Road). The subdivision contains 1 lot on 3.25 acres and is proposed to be served by existing community water and an existing septic system.

EMS GRANT APPLICATIONS

Emergency Services Director, Stanley Kite, appeared before the Commissioners to advise of the EMS Grant applications by local EMS providers. The purpose of the presentation was to inform the Commissioners of the grant applications. The NC Department of Insurance will announce the awards of the grants and what, if any, applications in Craven County are approved on December 15, 2010. Following are lists of applications: Vanceboro (\$50,000/\$20,000 match), New Bern/Craven (withdrawn) and Ft. Barnwell (\$50,000/\$20,000 match). Commissioner Jones stated that he is on the Board of Directors for New Bern/Craven Squad and was unaware of their withdrawal from the application process. He asked that it be tabled until further inquiry; however, Mr. Kite indicated that the deadline had passed. He indicated that he does not have any idea what, if any portion, of grant requests may be funded.

The Chairman asked for an update on the recent weather event. Mr. Kite stated that the County had received between 27-28 inches of rain. He announced a damage assessment line to call, 252-636-6151, and Mr. Kite indicated that 125 residential and 50 commercial properties were initially reported that received substantial damage. Several men's church groups are already in gear to assist with the recovery. There has been no Presidential declaration and a State assessment team is expected on October 5. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, stated that a State of Emergency is still in place and expects it to be rescinded in the next few days. Debris removal is still not clear and the state has not yet authorized curbside pick-up. Alternatives being considered that will be of some cost to the County include expanding hours at four convenience centers for several weeks. Commissioner Jones expressed appreciation to volunteer fire and rescue personnel. The Chairman recommended that guidelines be established to justify debris that is brought into the convenience sites and verify that it is legitimate.

APPOINTMENTS

Fire Tax Commission

The Board was advised at the last meeting that the term of George Ewell is due to expire. Commissioner Morris nominated Mr. Ewell for reappointment. There being no additional nominees, Mr. Ewell was reappointed by acclamation.

Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees

On September 20 the Board was informed that the terms of Felix Croom and Robert Stroud will expire in October. Commissioner Jones nominated Mr. Croom and Mr. Stroud for reappointment. There being no additional nominees, both were reappointed by acclamation.

Voluntary Agricultural District

The Board received a request from the Voluntary Agricultural District for reappointment of Wyatt Whitford and appointment of Carl Turner to replace John "Curly" Brazzelton. Commissioner Jones nominated Mr. Whitford for reappointment and Mr. Turner for appointment. There being no additional nominees, both were appointed by acclamation.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

The Board considered a proposed Interlocal Agreement between the County and the Coastal Carolina Regional Airport Authority to protect the Airport from encroachment. The Airport Authority desires to purchase a piece of property from a church, which is located 1,300 feet from the runway, to protect the Airport. The Airport Authority will bank the property until such time as appropriate use restrictions can be put in place and then sell it, with the proceeds going back to the County. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement, as proposed, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT*Legislative Goal*

Assistant County Manager, Jack Veit, presented a proposed NCACC Legislative Goal being put forth by Pamlico County Commissioner, Chris Mele, with a request for the Board's support. Commissioner Tyson moved to send a letter in support of the Legislative Goal, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

Farmland Leases

Mr. Veit advised the Board that Craven County will once again solicit lease proposals for farmland located at the Industrial Park, Judicial Center and Cove City Park beginning October 4, 2010. Sealed lease proposals are due to the County Manager's Office by November 1, 2010. Approved lease proposals will become effective January 1, 2011 and run for a term of three (3) years as opposed to last year which was a one (1) year lease. The available farm acreage is approximately 156 acres broken into four separate tracts. A copy of the Lease Proposal Solicitation will be posted on the Cooperative Extension bulletin board, in the FSA Office, in the Cooperative Extension newsletter and in the New Bern Sun Journal.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Sisk recounted a situation concerning a puppy adoption. The County Manager, Health Director, Animal Control Director and Commissioner Sisk are scheduled to meet during the week to discuss changes in management and/or oversight at the Animal Shelter.

Commissioner Jones announced that he will be out of town on December 6 when the new Board takes office and that November 15 will be his last meeting.

Commissioner McCabe thanked the County and the Planning Director for CDBG grants received in his district and the two new homes that were built. He reported that the Department of Transportation began construction of a turn lane on NC101 at Temples Point Road last month.

Commissioner Tyson commended the County Manager and staff in handling the recent weather event and commented on Sheriff's deputies he observed stopping to assist an elderly citizen with a tire change.

Commissioner Sampson commented on gas prices and asked that citizens continue to write letters to their congressmen. He appealed to citizens to rally around a resident on East Front Street to save her property.

Commissioner Morris thanked staff, especially Ira Whitford, during the rain event. He announced the upcoming Chile Festival in Havelock in October.

At 9:15 p.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Chairman Perry L. Morris
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board