

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 5, 2011. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- * Chairman Steve Tyson
- Vice Chairman Lee Kyle Allen
- Commissioner Scott C. Dacey
- Commissioner Thomas F. Mark
- Commissioner Theron L. McCabe
- Commissioner Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
- Commissioner Jefferey S. Taylor

STAFF PRESENT:

- Harold Blizzard, County Manager
- Jack B. Veit, III., Assistant County Manager
- Richard F. Hemphill, County Finance Director
- Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
- Aaron Arnette, County Attorney Associate

* The meeting convened with Vice Chairman Allen presiding. Chairman Tyson joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Following an invocation by Commissioner Sampson and the Pledge of Allegiance, a correction to the minutes of June 20 was noted concerning a motion and second for adoption of the FY 2011-2012 Budget Ordinance. Commissioner Mark moved to approve minutes of June 20, 2011 regular session, as corrected, and June 10, 2011 reconvened session, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Maria Williams of 310 John Street, James City, who was a beneficiary of the CDBG project in James City, expressed her appreciation to the Board.

Daisy English, a resident and community worker in the James City area, William Stevens, President of the Community Organization and Terrance Hicks, thanked the Board on behalf of the community for supporting the CDBG program, which has brought long sought improvements to the area.

Donna Pope cancelled prior to the Board's meeting.

TAX RELEASES AND REFUNDS

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, presented the following routine requests for tax releases and refunds 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
BEESON, PHILIP S DID NOT OWN 1/1/2010	2010-0003612	\$112.47
BYARS, ROBERT S BOAT REG. & LOCATED IN ALABAMA	2009-0008205	\$9.27
BYARS, ROBERT S BOAT REG. & LOCATED IN ALABAMA	2010-0007559	\$6.28

C & C HOMES DID NOT OWN 1/1/2010	2010-0007622	\$8.25
C & C HOMES DID NOT OWN 1/1/2009	2009-0090302	\$12.11
DESKINS, ROBERT E JR & DUQUETT DID NOT OWN 1/1/2010	2010-0013682	\$7.07
DIRECT ADMIN SERVERS INC DID NOT OWN 1/1/2010	2010-0013983	\$60.28
DULING, MICHAEL WILLIAM MIL-HIS NAME/LES-11/ECC-00 MAJOR FL	2010-0014828	\$13.28
GATES, AARON MICHAEL MIL-HIS NAME/LES-11 ECC-3/11/12 MV	2010-0019358	\$190.00
MUROLO, DANIEL JOSEPH RELEASED TO JONES COUNTY	2010-0037243	\$7.35
MYTECH SERVICES INC DID NOT OWN 1/1/2009	2009-0090711	\$662.66
PAMLICO PEDIATRICS DID NOT OWN 1/1/2010	2010-0039674	\$272.76
RASMUSSAN, CLINTON MIL-HIS NAME LES-11 ECC-10/13/11 SD	2010-0042692	\$16.11
	13 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$1,377.89
<i>Refunds</i>		
BACON, EDWARD FLYNT III & JACQ BOAT LOCATED ON BOARD CHERRY POINT	2010-0002074	\$157.55
COOK, FRANKLIN DAVID ORDERED BY BOARD OF E&R 6-21-2011	2010-0095801	\$224.07
HART, ALFRED GRAHAM & CAROL HA ORDERED BY BOARD OF E&R 6-21-2011	2010-0096023	\$21.00
JONES, JOHN HOWARD DID NOT OWN ENCLOSED PORCH 1-1-2010	2010-0097119	\$33.80
JONES, TOM HENRY & REGINA EATO ORDERED BY BOARD OF E&R 6-21-2011	2010-0028058	\$26.90
MAYO, BOBBY R & WILLIAM E ORDERED BY BOARD OF E&R 6-21-2011	2010-0033553	\$17.07
MILLS, ROBERT LEE & MILDRED S ORDERED BY BOARD OF E&R 6-21-2011	2010-0098069	\$134.89
RANK, WILLIAM C & DONNA ORDERED BY BOARD OF E&R 6-21-2011	2010-0097915	\$35.04
RIVERSHORE LLC ORDERED BY BOARD OF E&R 5-2-2011	2010-0090924	\$133.20

RIVERSHORE LLC ORDERED BY BOARD OF E&R 5-2-2011	2010-0090920	\$483.87
THORNTON, WILLIAM EDWARD MIL-LES 11/ECC-3/20/12 TN	2010-0051263	\$10.04
WOLFE, MATTHEW C & KRYSTLE N MIL-HIS NAME/LES 10/ECC-11/8/12 AZ	2010-0057371	\$49.35
YALDEN, ROBERT C & CLAUDIA A ORDERED BY BOARD OF E&R 6-21-2011	2010-0098117	\$338.74
	13 –REFUND (S)	\$1,665.52

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MASTER SERGEANT LESLIE JACKSON

The Chairman requested that the Board adopt the following resolution recognizing the meritorious achievement of Master Sergeant Leslie Jackson, US Air Force, a former resident of New Bern. Commissioner Taylor moved to adopt the resolution, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE
MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OF
MASTER SERGEANT LESLIE ALPHONSO JACKSON**

WHEREAS, former New Bern resident, Master Sergeant Leslie Alphonso Jackson, while serving as first sergeant for the 866th Air Expeditionary Squadron of the United States Air Force in Afghanistan, has distinguished himself by his actions in a combat zone; and

WHEREAS, his leadership while engaged in ground operations at Camp Phoenix, Afghanistan during the period August 28, 2010 to February 25, 2011 resulted in his receiving a Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, MSGT Jackson participated in more than 100 convoy missions in various capacities, including gunner, truck commander and driver, while traveling more than 1,200 miles in the face of enemy small arms fire and the threat of improvised explosive devices; and

WHEREAS, MSGT Jackson, now stationed in New Mexico, has served in the U.S. Air Force for 19 years; however, his ties with New Bern and Craven County remain strong, as this is still home to his family; and

WHEREAS, his exemplary service to our country is a source of pride not only for his family, but also for this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Craven County Board of Commissioners extends its appreciation to Master Sergeant Leslie Alphonso Jackson for his service and hearty congratulations on the honor bestowed upon him by the United States Air Force.

Adopted this the 5th day of July, 2011

Commissioner Taylor requested that the following Air Force Citation accompanying the award of the Bronze Star Medal be included in the minutes.

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
BRONZE STAR MEDAL
TO
LESLIE A. JACKSON

Master Sergeant Leslie A. Jackson distinguished himself by meritorious achievement as First Sergeant, 866th Air Expeditionary Squadron, 466th Air Expeditionary Group, 9th Air Expeditionary Task Force-Afghanistan, while engaged in ground operations against the enemy at Camp Phoenix, Afghanistan from 28 August 2010 to 25 February 2011. During this period, Sergeant Jackson's extraordinary leadership was crucial in the success of molding United States Air Forces Central Command's largest squadron into a cohesive combat support unit, while serving over 1,100 Joint Expeditionary Tasked and Individual Augmentee Airmen engaged in kinetic and mentoring operations at 16 forward operating bases during the most deadly year for Coalition forces. His combat leadership was critical during the successful execution of over 120 operational convoy missions as convoy gunner, truck commander, and driver while traveling more than 1,200 miles under constant insurgent threat from small arms fire and improvised explosive devices. Additionally, Sergeant Jackson executed a highly successful 360-degree security posture during a local national vehicle and Mine Resistant Ambush Protected-Air Terrain Vehicle accident. His application of escalation of force rules of engagement and quick actions controlled a hostile crowd, preventing harm to both friendly forces and local Afghanistan personnel. Furthermore, Sergeant Jackson's leadership ensured all Airmen were accounted for after three separate insurgent attacks, including one in which two suicide bombers coordinated a complex attack, killing seven Afghanistan National Army service members. The exemplary leadership, personal endeavor, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Jackson in this responsible position reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.



PLANNING DEPARTMENT MATTERS

CDBG Bid Award

Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, reported on a bid opening to identify the low responsible bidder for the construction of three (3) new frame-built homes (733 sq. ft., 2 Br, 1 Bath), which was held on January 18, 2011. Bids were received from eight (8) regional contractors; United Builders, Neil Weeks, Ben Hager, B&B Construction, Bruin Builders, Williams Services, HCR, Inc. and Clint Blanton. All three households elected to accept "reconstruction" on the site of their displacement home.

The contractor submitting the lowest responsible bid for 733 sq. ft., 2 bedroom, 1 bath new construction was Clint Blanton for the amount of \$66,250.

Commissioner Dacey explained his voting position on the use of tax dollars to build individual homes, which he opposes. Commissioner McCabe moved to award the contract to Clint Blanton with a low bid of \$66,250, seconded by Commissioner Mark and carried with six (6) "ayes", there being one (1) "nay" from Commissioner Dacey.

Subdivisions for Approval

Mr. Baumgardner presented the following subdivisions, which were recommended by the Planning Board, for approval. Commissioner McCabe moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

Randy G. Register and Dawn R. Register – Final: The property, owned by Randy and Dawn Register and surveyed by Gaskins Land Surveying, P.A. is located within Twp. 9, off of Davis Road (SR 1248). The parcel ID number is 9-020-006 and the subdivision contains 1 lot on 0.92 acres. The lot is to be served by Craven County water and an existing individual septic system.

Charles J. Register – Final: The property, owned by Shirley M. James and surveyed by Terry K. Wheeler, PE, PLS, is located within Twp. 1 off of Craven Farms Road (SR 1442). The parcel ID number is 1-048-011 and the subdivision contains 1 lot on 2.50

acres. The lot is proposed to be served by Craven County water and a proposed individual septic system.

Fronnie A. Jones III – Final: The property, owned by Fronnie A. Jones III and surveyed by Mayo and Associates, P.A., is located within Twp. 2, off of Antioch Road (SR 1433). The parcel ID number is 2-038-009 and the subdivision contains 3 lots on 6.999 acres. The lots proposed are to be served by First Craven Sanitary District and an existing individual septic system.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Craven County Finance Director, Rick Hemphill, presented the following budget amendments for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Mark moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Dacey and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Pass through – DJJDP Yth/Parent Life Skills

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0564-348-13-00 Life skills state grant	\$14,667.00	101-0564-450-91-13 life skills	\$14,667.00
TOTAL	\$14,667.00	TOTAL	\$14,667.00

Justification: The NC Dept of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention awarded a grant in the amount of \$25,000 for Year 2 of the Youth/Parent Life Skills Program. This is a community-based youth gang prevention program. Year 2 runs from October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011. As the program is still ongoing, need to budget the remaining \$14,667 that has yet to be received and paid out from Year 2 of the program.

Pass Through

101-0564-348-30-00 HCCBG Senior Comp	\$34,821.00	101-0564-450-91-23 Senior Comp	\$34,821.00
TOTAL	\$34,821.00	TOTAL	\$34,821.00

Justification: Need to budget the HCCBG Senior Companion pass through funding for FY ’12.

CJPP

101-2201-348-54-00 CJPP Grant	\$102,619.00	101-2201-410-21-00 Rents	\$7,740.00
		101-2201-410-22-0 Telephone	\$1,366.00
		101-2201-410-23-0 Utilities	\$4,520.00
		101-2201-410-25-10 Training	\$500.00
		101-2201-410-32-01 Office Supplies	\$3,142.00
		101-2201-410-40-0 Contractual Services	\$85,351.00
TOTAL	\$102,619.00	TOTAL	\$102,619.00

Justification: Participation in program was approved by the Board during 4-4-11 meeting. Did not have confirmation of grant amount at that time. Amounts for program have been confirmed and need to be budgeted.

Home Health

101-6500-371-01-00	\$(75,572.00)	101-6500-440-97-10	\$(75,572.00)
Home Health Medicare		to other Health Depts.	
TOTAL	\$(75,572.00)	TOTAL	\$(75,572.00)

Justification: Balance the “transfer to” from Home Health to “transfer from” of other health departments.

Fire/Special Service Districts

240-0000-366-01-00	\$7,610.00	240-2900-410-96-99	\$7,610.00
From general fund		Special appropriation grant match	
240-0000-366-01-00	\$10,687.00	241-2900-410-96-99	\$10,687.00
From general fund		Special appropriation grant match	
242-0000-366-01-00	\$15,000.00	2422900-410-96-99	\$15,000.00
From general fund		Special appropriation grant match	
244-0000-366-01-00	\$23,088.00	244-2901-410-96-99	\$6,169.00
From general fund		Special appropriation grant match	
		244-2902-410-96-99	\$7,312.00
		Special appropriation grant match	
		244-2903-410-96-99	\$9,607.00
		Special appropriation grant match	
245-0000-366-01-00	\$5,861.00	245-2900-410-96-99	\$5,861.00
From general fund		Special appropriation grant match	
249-0000-366-01-00	\$4,169.00	249-2900-410-96-99	\$4,169.00
From general fund		Special appropriation grant match	
TOTAL	\$66,415.00	TOTAL	\$66,415.00

Justification: Correct FY 12 entries in Volunteer Fire Departments to match approved grant portion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Commissioner Dacey inquired of County Attorney Associate, Aaron Arnette, if there is currently a lease in place between the County and the Carolina East Medical Center. Mr. Arnette was asked to research and provide a copy of any existing lease.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, presented the 911 Consolidation Feasibility Study commissioned by the Cities of Havelock and New Bern and Craven County. The purpose of the study was to determine the feasibility of consolidating three independent dispatch centers into one to serve all public safety agencies of the County. He stated that the main reasons for considering consolidation are increased efficiency, reduced costs, improved service, and improved interagency cooperation. He also noted potential disadvantages, including loss of local control, a question of governance authority, and responsibility for customer service/quality control.

Mr. Blizzard called upon Emergency Services Director, Stanley Kite, to present his opinion. He took issue with many of the observations about the County that were reported in the study. He stated that the study was authored by a former employee of the current City of New Bern Manager, and noted potential bias. He emphasized that the County’s system is already a consolidated system, utilized by the Highway Patrol and municipal law enforcement agencies, and he encouraged the Board to involve all

agencies for input before making a decision. Commissioner Mark inquired if the County should be moving toward consolidation considering increasing mandates and training requirements, which necessitate the County's shift from volunteer to paid staff. Mr. Kite informed the Board that the staffing formula is not included in the study; however, Chairman Tyson stated that he would like to know what staffing requirements may be projected. He also stated that he would like to get the sentiments of the municipal Boards. Mr. Blizzard advised him that the other boards would like to move ahead, but cautiously. It was the consensus of the Board of Commissioners to give the County Manager the authority to continue with negotiations while doing research to resolve some of the questions that were raised.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Allen presented a Crimestoppers fundraising video that was produced by the Board of Commissioners in 1996.

Commissioner Mark reported on the success of the Bridgeton River Fest. He stated that he has been working with Planning Department staff on a road in his district which needs to be paved, and that the required right-of-way has been secured.

Commissioner Taylor inquired if any response to June 28 correspondence to the Sheriff has been received. Mr. Blizzard indicated that the Sheriff was not prepared to make a presentation at this meeting, but plans to be on the next agenda. Commissioner Taylor announced a blood drive to be held on July 13 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Emerald Golf and Country Club. He commented on an upcoming National Association of Counties (NACo) meeting, and announced that all but two Commissioners had decided not to attend. He asked that those planning to attend reconsider remaining here to attend to the business of the County.

Commissioner Dacey commended the Town of River Bend for its July 4 celebration.

Commissioner McCabe reminded the Board of a motion he made at the last meeting to install a fire hydrant at the Ferry Road Fire Station in his district. He requested that consideration be revived. Further discussion was deferred to be taken up during the meeting of the Water Board.

Commissioner Sampson commended the City of New Bern for its 4th of July celebration, which generated significant revenue. He commented on gas prices and reported on a call he received from a meals on wheels client, who had received an incomplete meal. The caller declined to be identified. He stated that he will advise callers in the future to call some of the other Commissioners.

Chairman Tyson announced his attendance at the Fourth of July festivities in River Bend and New Bern. He called for dates for a Board planning workshop. It was the consensus of the Board to schedule August 5 from 1:00 p.m.-5:00p.m. and August 6 from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The Board was polled for the top three topics for discussion at the planning session from the compiled list, with the following results:

- Revaluation (3 votes)
- Convention Center Repair (5 votes)
- Redistricting (4 votes)
- Visioning (2 votes)
- Commissioners' By-laws (2 votes)
- EMS Study (1 vote)
- County's 300th Anniversary (1 vote)

Commissioner Sampson responded to Commissioner Taylor's comments regarding the NACo Conference, stating that he attends conferences for the benefit of the County. The conferences provide an opportunity to identify common concerns and to consider what

commissioners across the country need to act up on collectively with their respective congressional delegations.

At 8:42 Commissioner Mark moved to adjourn, to convene as the Water Board after a five minute recess, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

Chairman Steve Tyson
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board