

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 17, 2011. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- 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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Chairman Steve Tyson

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Following an invocation by Commissioner McCabe and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the minutes of October 3, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried.

TAX RELEASES AND REFUNDS

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, presented the following tax releases and refunds for the Board's approval. Commissioner Dacey moved for their approval, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
ANDERSON, DAVID & ROSA ANNA MILITARY EXEMPTION	2011-0001174	\$55.27
BALLARD, CHRISTOPHER K MILITARY EXEMPTION	2011-0002608	\$37.51
BAYVIEW REALTY LLC APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0003632	\$2,153.13
BOROS, JEREMY MICAH MILITARY EXEMPTION	2011-0005673	\$241.11
BOWDEN, CARSON SMITH APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0005762	\$115.91
BRADY, WAYNE L DID NOT OWN BOAT 1/1/2010	2011-0006090	\$38.07
BRADY, WAYNE L DID NOT OWN 1/1/2010	2011-0091497	\$40.74
BRANCH BANKING & TRUST CO APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0006133	\$1,469.26

BRANCH BANKING & TRUST CO APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0006135	\$459.05
BROGNA, NICHOLAS & CAROL A DOUBLE BILLED RECYCLE FEE	2011-0090314	\$36.00
BROWN, LEROY F ET AL APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0090316	\$33.35
BROWN, LEROY F ET AL APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0007120	\$8.02
BRYANT, TYRONNE INCORRECT BILLING – REBILL ACCT 48057	2011-0090323	\$101.95
BULLOCK, JACOB HEIRS DWELLING UNOCCUPIED – RECY REL	2011-0007962	\$36.00
BULLOCK, JUDITH G & PAUL D JR DOUBLE BILLED	2011-0007964	\$28.18
BULLOCK, JUDITH G & PAUL D JR DOUBLE BILLED	2011-0007965	\$100.56
CHURCH – EPWORTH METHODIST TR EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.3	2011-0010592	\$727.63
CLARK HOMES OF GREENVILLE LLC APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0010882	\$949.81
CONNER, CHRISTOPHER DID NOT OWN BOAT 1/1/2011	2011-0011801	\$43.16
ELLIS, HENRY CLAY DID NOT OWN 1/1/2011	2011-0017580	\$44.74
ELLIS, HENRY CLAY DID NOT OWN 1/1/2011	2010-0015952	\$48.04
FEDERICI, EMANUELE & SMERALDI RELEASED TO CARTERET COUNTY	2011-0018475	\$453.08
GASKILL, SHAWN RAY DID NOT OWN 1/1/2011	2011-0021059	\$78.91
GEORGE, MARY D UNOCCUPIED SINCE 2001	2011-0021682	\$36.00
GURGANUS, MILDRED LOUISE APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0023732	\$2,070.47
HARRIS, LINDA ROCHELLE DWELLING REMOVED PRIOR TO 1/1/2011	2011-0025299	\$83.28
HILL, SHANNA MARIE DOUBLE BILLED SEE ACCT 72169	2010-0090245	\$192.77
HS NEW BERN LLC DOUBLE BILLED – SAME ACCT NUMBER	2011-0090664	\$23,640.00
KING, RICHARD ADRIAN BOAT NOT IN CRAVEN COUNTY 1/1/2011	2011-0032231	\$78.79

KROEGER, RICHARD JAMES & MICHE APPRAISAL ERROR	2011-0032954	\$69.79
LETCHWORTH, OTIS RONALD VALUE CORRECTION	2011-0034235	\$45.77
MALCOLM, GRAY BOAT LOCATED ON BOARD CHERRY POINT	2010-0032551	\$1,121.87
MCGOVERN, ROBERT VICTOR & KATH 2 ND RESIDENCE IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2011-0038234	\$36.00
PEABODY ASSOCIATES LLC APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0044782	\$111.54
PETERS, CARL & PETERS, JANE & APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0045224	\$296.47
PRITCHARD, PATRICK R APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0046697	\$39.16
RIGGS, BEATRICE RAE APPROVED FOR PRESENT USE VALUE	2011-0091091	\$171.27
SMITH, CARLYON LEE & PAMELA SP APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0052674	\$49.87
STALLINGS, ROBERT L III TRUSTEE APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0053991	\$13.00
STALLINGS, ROBERT L III TRUSTEE APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0053992	\$8.56
STALLINGS, ROBERT L IV APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0053993	\$1,197.01
TATARSKI, LOUIS EDWARD ET AL NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2011	2011-0091195	\$108.06
TAYLOR, LEROY DOUBLE BILLED – SEE PID 3 D-09 041	2011-0056135	\$69.02
TEMPLE, DAPHNE M PARCEL QUALIFIED FOR USE VALUE ASSESSMENT	2011-0056376	\$1,285.77
THOMAS, JOHN & SUSAN M CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2011-0056681	\$37.82
TOP NOTCH AUTO REPAIR OUT OF BUSINESS 1/1/2011	2011-0091245	\$134.89
VENEZIANO, ANTHONY APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0091558	\$44.47
WHITE, DEBBIE D DOUBLE BILLED SEE ACCT 83334	2011-0061525	\$162.69
WHITE, DEBBIE D DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 83334	2010-0055350	\$171.03

WITTMAYER, JAMES L & DIANA M DOUBLE BILLED – SEE 91340	2011-0091561	\$626.39
WITTMAYER, JAMES L & DIANA M DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 91340	2011-0063731	\$94.56
WRIGHT, CHARLES LEROY DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 88350	2011-0064138	\$155.85
1302 LLC DOUBLE BILLED RECYCLE FEE	2011-0091562	\$36.00
	53 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$39,487.65

Refunds

CHURCH –WORD OF LIFE WORSHIP CE EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.3	2010-0095718	\$80.28
CHURCH – WORD OF LIFE WORSHIP CE EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.3	2011-0010676	\$80.28
INSIGHT HEALTH CORPORATION BUS. LOCATED ON BOARD CHERRY POINT	2010-0026135	\$2,657.91
INSIGHT HEALTH CORPORATION BUS. LOCATED ON BOARD CHERRY POINT	2010-0026136	\$8,011.01
SPIRITO, JUDY LANE APPRAISAL ERROR – REFUND TO NEW BILL	2011-0053737	\$285.63
SUGG, LINDSEY C & SUSAN A APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0055099	\$39.98
TAYLOR, LEROY DOUBLE BILLED – ACCT 81772	2010-0050469	\$70.73
TEMPLE, DAPHNE PARCEL QUALIFIED FOR USE VALUE ASSESSMENT	2010-0094082	\$16.22
TEMPLE, DAPHNE PARCEL QUALIFIED FOR USE VALUE ASSESSMENT	2011-0056374	\$16.22
TEMPLE, DAPHNE M PARCEL QUALIFIED FOR USE VALUE ASSESSMENT	2010-0050659	\$108.59
TEMPLE, DAPHNE M PARCEL QUALIFIED FOR USE VALUE ASSESSMENT	2010-0050660	\$1,285.77
TEMPLE, DAPHNE M PARCEL QUALIFIED FOR USE VALUE ASSESSMENT	2010-0050662	\$116.27
TEMPLE, DAPHNE M PARCEL QUALIFIED FOR USE VALUE ASSESSMENT	2010-0050663	\$160.25
TEMPLE, DAPHNE M PARCEL QUALIFIED FOR USE VALUE ASSESSMENT	2010-0094083	\$16.37
TEMPLE, DAPHNE M PARCEL QUALIFIED FOR USE VALUE ASSESSMENT	2011-0056375	\$108.59

TEMPLE, DAPHNE M PARCEL QUALIFIED FOR USE VALUE ASSESSMENT	2011-0056379	\$16.37
TEMPLE, DAPHNE M PARCEL QUALIFIED FOR USE VALUE ASSESSMENT	2011-0056381	\$116.27
TEMPLE, DAPHNE M PARCEL QUALIFIED FOR USE VALUE ASSESSMENT	2011-0056383	\$160.25
	18 – REFUND (\$)	\$13,346.99

Mr. Antry clarified that the \$23,640 release to HS New Bern, LLC, is the New Bern mall. A total of approximately \$10,600 in refunds is attributed to a corporation located on board MCAS Cherry Point just responding to the original notification of eligibility. The approximate total for Cherry Point refunds to date is \$180,000

CARTS MATTERS

Updates to Substance Abuse and Alcohol Policy

CARTS Director, Phyllis Toler, presented updates to the Substance Abuse and Alcohol Policy. She explained that as part of the Community Transportation Program (CTP) and Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) grants, which provide funding for Craven Area Rural Transit System (CARTS), it is required that the Substance Abuse/Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy be updated periodically in order to meet Federal Compliance.

The current CARTS policy was adopted in May 2003, with the last addendum authorized by Craven County Board of Commissioners in September 2010.

The changes include:

1. An addition to the definition of qualified Substance Abuse Professionals (state-licensed marriage and family therapist).
2. Changes and updates to the phrasing in what is required in pre-employment “previous DOT-Employer” reports.
3. Changes to the phrasing within the “Random Testing” section.

Commissioner Mark moved to approve the policy update, as presented, and to authorize the Chairman’s signature, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Updates to Safety Plan

Ms. Toler presented updates to the current Safety Plan Program. She stated that on August 23-24, 2011, North Carolina Department of Transportation/Public Transportation Division (NCDOT/PTD), in accordance with federal and state requirements, conducted a System Safety Program Plan Inspection of Craven Area Rural Transit System (CARTS). At the time of the review, four items were identified as deficiencies, one being the requirement for the System Safety Program Plan to be updated and then approved by the Craven County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner McCabe moved to approve the updated Safety Plan Program, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUEST FOR DONATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Recreation Director, Eddie Games, presented a request from David Clifton, Craven County Schools, for the donation by the County of an old 1200A John Deere Ball field drag to West Craven High School. The equipment would otherwise be disposed of on Gov Deals. A new 1200A was purchased by the Recreation Department this year to replace the old one. The old 1200A was purchased July 28, 1999 and is no longer serviceable for the Recreation Department; however; it is better than the one the schools have now. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the property disposition of the old 1200A John Deere Ball field drag, County tag # is 21210 and serial # is

TC1200A100286, to West Craven High School, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR FEE ADJUSTMENT

Craven County Health Director, Scott Harrelson, presented the following fee approval request, recently approved by the Board of Health, in order that fees be in line with the increased Medicaid reimbursable rate. Commissioner Mark moved to approve the fee adjustment, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried. Commissioner Dacey inquired if this increase impacted the individual citizens using Medicaid. Mr. Harrelson responded that there would be no out-of-pocket increase for the patient.

Clinic:

Hospice Fees

Fee Establishment Recommended:

<u>Procedure Code/Description</u>	<u>Medicaid Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
General Inpatient Per Diem Rate	\$600.00	\$625.00

Reason for Increase:

Medicaid has increased reimbursable rate for General Inpatient Per Diem to \$625.00.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF COVE CITY EMS PLAN

EMS Director, Stanley Kite, appeared before the Board of Commissioners to present the recommendation of the Craven County EMS Advisory Council concerning Cove City Rescue/EMS request to advance to the paramedic level of service.

Cove City Rescue/EMS had requested to advance to the paramedic level of care to be able to provide this level of care on EMS calls within their area and for mutual aid calls in western Craven County. This would require a modification of the Craven County EMS System Plan with approval of the NC Office of Emergency Medical Services as well as the approval of the Medical Director and the Commissioners.

The request was presented to the EMS Advisory Council on September 21, 2011 and the EMS Advisory Council voted in favor of granting Cove City this request.

Commissioner Taylor requested explanation of paramedic level. Mr. Kite responded that it is the highest level of pre-hospital care, including administration of medication, such as pain medications, and manual defibrillation. The squad already has personnel trained at this level, but cannot operate at this level absent certification of the department. Mr. Kit responded that there are no additional personnel costs anticipated; however, there may be some additional equipment and supply costs that should be minimal, considering supplies that are provided by the hospital. Commissioner Sampson moved to support the recommendation of the EMS Advisory Council that Cove City Rescue/EMS advance to the paramedic level of service, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

CRAVEN COUNTY TOURISM ANNUAL REPORT

Craven County Convention and Visitors Center Director, Mary Harris, provided the Annual Tourism Report to the Board. The report included statistics on potential visitor inquiries, actualized visits, economic impact and hotel occupancy rates, which generated approximately \$496,000 in occupancy tax.

SUBDIVISION FOR APPROVAL

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, presented the following subdivision for the Board’s approval.

Emma Daly Ward Subdivision – Final: The property, owned by Emma Ward, and surveyed by William Matthews, is located within Twp. 9 off of Wetherington Farm Road (SR 1446), parcel ID 9-042-061. The subdivision contains one lot on 1.01 acres and is proposed to be served by existing Craven County water and existing individual septic system. The Planning Board recommended the subdivision for approval. Commissioner Mark moved to approve the subdivision, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND ORDINANCE UPDATE

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

Commissioners/Special Appropriation

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance Appropriation	\$30,000.00	101-0190-430-96-33 300 th Celebration	\$30,000.00
TOTAL	\$30,000.00	TOTAL	\$30,000.00

Justification: To appropriate funds for County’s 300th anniversary celebration

Non Departmental

101-0560-354-01-00 Refund – Insurance	\$150,000.00	101-0560-400-96-87 Hurricane Irene	\$2,000,000.00
101-560-377-38-0	\$1,850,000.00		
TOTAL	\$2,000,000.00	TOTAL	\$2,000,000.00

Justification: Storm damage resulting from Hurricane Irene – landfall August 27, 2011.

Sheriff’s

101-2022-377-04-00 Grants/Bureau of Justice Asst	\$3,178.00	101-2022-410-32-40 Supplies/Other Supplies	\$3,178.00
TOTAL	\$3,178.00	TOTAL	\$3,178.00

Justification: In November of last fiscal year the agency was awarded a grant in the amount of \$15,448 for the purchase of equipment for the Special Response Team. The purchasing for this equipment was not completed prior to June 30 to the end of the accounting period for the last fiscal year. The department would like to budget the remaining amount of funds in the amount of \$3,177.71 which is eligible to receive and spend in this fiscal year’s budget in accordance to the budget detail for grant #2010-DJ-BX-0395.

Health/Child Health

101-6612-369-46-0 Carolina East Med Ctr	\$20,000.00	101-6612-440-40-50 Contract Employee	\$20,000.00
TOTAL	\$20,000.00	TOTAL	\$20,000.00

Justification: Funds awarded by CEMC to pay for Contract Employee (Dr. Towarnicky) to provide an oversight position for Adult Primary Care Unit by providing consultation and advice on clinic standards of care and services and to be available for questions from mid-levels.

Planning

278-0000-377-02-00	\$155,000.00	278-4080-430-76-50	\$71,416.00
Grant CDBG		Roads	
		278-4080-430-76-63	\$56,649.00
		Water Improvement	
		278-4080-430-76-70	\$26,935.00
		Administration	
TOTAL	\$155,000.00	TOTAL	\$155,000.00

Justification: Budget amendment needed to accept and expend grant funds received under CDBG FY 10 Contingency Infrastructure CDBG #10-C-2220.

Ordinance:

CDBG FY 10 Contingency Infrastructure
Fund 278

This ordinance is hereby approved in the following amounts for expenditures for the CDBG FY 10 Contingency Infrastructure.

Expenditures:

Street Improvements	\$ 71,416.00
Water Improvements	\$ 56,649.00
Administration	\$ 26,935.00
TOTAL	\$ 155,000.00

The following revenues are hereby estimated for the CDBG FY 10 Contingency Infrastructure.

Revenues:

CDBG Grant	\$ 155,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 155,000.00

This ordinance is hereby approved this 17th day of October, 2011.

APPOINTMENTS

Craven County Clean Sweep Committee

At the last meeting the Board moved to defer these appointments to check on current eligible members' willingness to continue serving. Cooperative Extension Director, Tom Glasgow, provides oversight for the Clean Sweep Committee, and advised that several of the members who are eligible to continue have either resigned or ceased to participate. He requested that Pat Sager, who is eligible and willing, be considered for reappointment. In addition, he requested that Dave Gardner, who has served longer than ten years, be considered. It was the consensus of the Board to defer these appointments until the next meeting and to post the vacancies on the County's website.

Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority

It was the consensus of the Board to defer these appointments until the County Attorney brings a recommendation to the Board.

Nursing Home Advisory Committee

The Board was advised of four (4) additional vacancies on the Nursing Home Advisory Committee. Commissioner Dacey nominated Nell Todd for appointment. There being no additional nominees, Ms. Todd was appointed by acclamation.

Adult Care Home Advisory Committee

The Board was advised of additional vacancies on the Adult Care Home Advisory Committee. These appointments were deferred.

Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees

The Board was advised of a vacancy on the Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees to represent Twp. 6. Commissioner Mark reported that his appointee to this vacancy, Rolf Maris, had been advised of his ineligibility to serve because he does not reside in Twp. 6. Mr. Maris will be considered when a vacancy occurs in Twp. 1. Commissioner Allen nominated Anthony Elliot, who was recommended by the Twp. 6 Fire Department. There being no additional nominees, Mr. Elliot was appointed by acclamation.

Tri-Community Fire Tax Commissioner

The Board was advised of the vacant term of Walt Kerner on the Fire Tax Commission, as a result of Mr. Kerner moving out of the district. Commissioner Mark recommended that requesting departments send background information on nominees to their representative on the Board of Commissioners in the future. Commissioner Mark nominated Thomas Williams for appointment, as recommended by the Tri-Community Fire Department. There being no additional nominations, Mr. Williams was appointed by acclamation.

Upcoming Appointments November – December

The Board was apprised of the following upcoming appointments.

November: None

December: Commissioners' Appointments

***Board of Equalization and Review** (James Findley, Grover Lancaster, Al Otto, Bill Pope, Jimmy Smith, Jerry Stapleford, Drew Willis)

**This Board does not have terms certain; however, an ending is required for entry into the appointments database*

Health Board (James Jackson, Rasanne Leahy, Trey Paul, Reed Underhill)

Havelock Library Board (Jacqueline Attaway)

New Bern Library Board (Molly Ritter)

Vanceboro Library Board (Dorothy Bryant)

**PUBLIC HEARING – 9:30 A.M. –FY 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT CONTINGENCY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**

The Board was requested to go into public hearing to consider a program amendment to the County's FY10 CDBG Contingency Infrastructure program. The NC Department of Commerce, Office of the Community Investment and Assistance, has provided an additional \$300,000 to the County for the project, which the County proposes to utilize for expansion of municipal sewer service within the ETJ area of the Town of River Bend or for an acceptable alternative public works activity. Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, stated that the project was applied for in 2001, but did not get funded. He advised the Board that he has withdrawn from the process due to his ownership of property in the subject area.

At 9:41 a.m. Commissioner Mark moved to go into public hearing, seconded by Commissioner McCabe. The following citizens spoke:

1. *Mayor John Kirkland* – stated that the Town of River Bend supports this project.
2. *Hal James* – stated that he does not constitutionally support federal money being spent locally; however, if it must be spent, it is acceptable to spend it on infrastructure, as opposed to individual citizens' projects

At 9:46 a.m. Commissioner McCabe moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Sampson.

Commissioner McCabe moved to approve the program amendment and submit it to the Office of Community Investment and Assistance, seconded by Commissioner Dacey and unanimously carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Update – Erma Starkey CDBG Foreclosure

At a previous meeting, the Board of Commissioners elected to advertise the foreclosed property for sale, by sealed bids; however, no bids were received. This is a former CDBG property wherein the County foreclosed due to a violation of the grant.

County Attorney, Jim Hicks, and Planning staff discussed the following disposal options, which Mr. Hicks presented to the Board:

1. Placing "For Sale by Owner" signage in front of property
2. Place property with Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Marvin Raines agreed to list the property on MLS at no fee for listing; however, a commission will be payable to the selling agent, at the standard commission of 6%. Any realtor offer would still be subject to the upset bid process. This is the option recommended by the County Attorney.

Commissioner Mark moved to accept the County Attorney's recommendation to list the property on MLS, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD)

The County Attorney announced that he will have something to present on the Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) Ordinance at the Board's next meeting.

Closed Session

The County Attorney requested that the Board go into closed session at the end of the meeting concerning attorney/client privilege and a personnel matter.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Redistricting Agreement

County Manager, Jack Veit, presented a Redistricting Agreement with Marshall Hurley PLLC and Craven County for redistricting consultation. Commissioner Dacey moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried.

Mosquito Control

Mr. Veit reported on what other counties are doing regarding the mosquito problem. He presented articles from the *Carteret County News Times*, and stated that Pamlico and Carteret counties are spraying, with limited effect. Aerial spraying is the only treatment that may work, but it kills everything and costs \$450,000. The County would be required to pay its share of \$150,000-\$170,000 in advance, with no guarantee that FEMA will pay anything toward the cost. Commissioner Dacey commented that the public does not think the County is doing anything. He stated that the Commissioners have spent hours deliberating on the matter and concluded that the science does not support the program.

He stated that a good freeze will resolve the issue. He is, however, concerned that the State has gotten out of the testing program, which helps to assess the health risks associated with the mosquito population. Commissioner McCabe stated that he disagrees and would like to bring back the mosquito program. Commissioner McCabe made a motion to bring the mosquito program back to Craven County, seconded by Commissioner Sampson. The motion failed with two (2) "ayes" from Commissioners McCabe and Sampson, there being four (4) "nays" from Commissioners Allen, Dacey, Mark and Taylor. Commissioner Sampson feels that health risks must be considered.

Occupancy Tax

Finance Director, Rick Hemphill, presented a Graph of the Occupancy Tax, stating that the four most recent months were the best for the year. The total occupancy collected in FY 11 was \$1.1 million. The \$496,000 referenced by Ms. Harris in the Tourism Annual Report is the part that was distributed to TDA.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner McCabe made commendations on a successful Chili Festival.

Commissioner Sampson urged citizens to continue to help one another in the community. He stated that there are people suffering and some are unable to help themselves. He commented on the overnight rise in gas prices.

Commissioner Mark commented that he was a judge at the Chili Festival. He questioned why the Sheriff was not presenting at this meeting. The County Manager responded that the Sheriff will advise him when he is ready to complete his report to the Board.

Commissioner Taylor stated his disappointment that the Sheriff was not present. He felt that the pending questions concerning training were relatively simple to answer.

Commissioner Dacey stated that he was also disappointed that the Sheriff was not present. In addition to training, he is concerned about the department's hiring practices, as the force does not adequately reflect the community. He announced that he will hold a River Bend Town Hall meeting on October 28 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Allen thanked Michael and Heather Penney for helping to staff the Craven County 300th booth at the Chili Festival and Commissioners Dacey and Mark for their attendance.

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to go into closed session, as requested by the County Attorney, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) concerning personnel, seconded by Commissioner McCabe, following a five minute recess.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner McCabe moved to go back into regular session, seconded by Commissioner Sampson. Commissioner McCabe commented on a Cypress Landing citizen who wants reimbursement of \$2,200 from the County for private debris removal prior to the agreement of DOT to remove debris from non-state maintained roads. Commissioner Dacey stated that he should check his insurance policy for coverage. The Board's consensus was that the request could not be honored.

At 11:01 a.m. Commissioner Taylor moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

Chairman Steve Tyson
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board