

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 AT 12:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING A REQUEST BY THE COASTAL CAROLINA AIRPORT AUTHORITY.**

**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

\*Commissioner Mark arrived at 12:50 p.m.

**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

Airport Director, Tom Braaten, explained that a congressional furlough as a result of a continuing budget resolution expiration date has created challenges in meeting deadlines for the FAA grant process, which has necessitated the Commissioners' convening in Special Session. He presented, for the Board's approval, a Standard FAA grant for runway expansion to extend a runway safety zone. The grant, in the amount of \$1,123,097, is 95% federal funding. The airport pays 5% and will refund itself from pass-through funds. Commissioner Dacey moved to approve the grant, as proposed, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Mr. Braaten announced that September 21 is the 3<sup>rd</sup> and most likely the last honor flight out of New Bern. The flight will return at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who wishes to welcome the flight should be there by 7:00 p.m.

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, announced the following:

- The Disaster Recovery Center is still operating but there is no longer any County staff there. The building is occupied by FEMA.
- As of September 13, there will be no more waivers of building permitting fees for emergency restoration. This will be posted on the County web site; however, if a clear cut case comes in, it will be considered at that time.
- Debris collection centers are slowing down. Creekside has picked up a little, due to the City of New Bern's use of the site. The Weyerhaeuser site is receiving 10 – 12 loads per day and plans to close within the next couple of days.

At 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Mark moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

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