

1 **THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN RECONVENED**
2 **ITS REGULAR SESSION OF OCTOBER 15, 2012 ON OCTOBER 29, 2012 AT 9:00 A.M.**
3 **IN THE COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY**
4 **ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH**
5 **CAROLINA.**

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7 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

8 Chairman Lee Kyle Allen
9 Vice Chairman Scott C. Dacey
10 Commissioner Thomas F. Mark
11 Commissioner Theron L. McCabe
12 Commissioner Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
13 Commissioner Jefferey S. Taylor
14 Commissioner Steve Tyson

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16 **STAFF PRESENT:**

17 Jack B. Veit, III, Craven County Manager
18 Gene M. Hodges, Assistant County Manager, Facilities/Maintenance
19 Richard F. Hemphill, Assistant County Manager, Finance/Administration
20 Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board

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22 **CLOSED SESSION**

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24 At 9:04 a.m. Commissioner Taylor moved to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-
25 318.11(a)(6) to discuss matters relative to personnel, seconded by Commissioner Mark and
26 unanimously carried. The Board returned to open session at 9:22 a.m. by motion of
27 Commissioner Taylor and a second by Commissioner Mark. There was no action to report.

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29 **IN-PATIENT HOSPICE PRESENTATION**

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31 Craven County Health Director, Scott Harrelson, presented a proposal for a Craven County in-
32 patient hospice facility, stating that the closest operating facilities are located in Wayne and Pitt
33 Counties. A certificate of Need for Acute Hospice Beds has been issued for eight (8) beds in
34 Craven County.

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36 CarolinaEast Medical Center has proposed to raise the necessary funds to develop and construct
37 a new in-patient hospice facility for Craven County to be operated by the Craven County Health
38 Department. Potential locations were cited near Berne Village and on Simmons Street. Eight to
39 ten acres are needed in a serene setting.

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41 CarolinaEast President, Ray Leggett, stated that the hospital is willing to provide \$2M from
42 foundation funds to build a facility and there is a high likelihood of raising funds from private
43 donors. A \$1M plus operational budget is anticipated for a 24/7/365 operation, which is
44 expected to produce revenue. Referrals will come from the hospital. Commissioner Dacey
45 asked if there have been any private sector attempts to acquire the beds, and stated it would seem
46 unusual for a private sector entity not to pursue a lucrative opportunity.

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48 If it does not work out, the County has a paid for facility which can sell out or contract out.
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50 The facility would be for Inpatient care, for terminal patients with a 6-month life expectancy and
51 for Acute/I care, where there is an immediate need, such as pain management.
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53 Needed from the Board:
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55 February 15 – November 15 – window for applying for a Certificate of Need, which will require
56 a couple of months to prepare.
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58 The hospital will begin a fundraising campaign for the Foundation whether or not to move
59 forward.
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61 Commissioner Dacey stated his concerns with interfering with private sector businesses by the
62 government providing this service. He suggested an alternative of developing a model and
63 packaging it after it is established and putting it out for bid. Mr. Harrelson responded that Home
64 Health could not survive as a stand-alone. It would lose approximately \$700,000 contribution to
65 mandated services from the off-setting costs.
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67 Commissioner Tyson stated that he feels further discussion is needed on the matter, which was
68 the consensus of the Board.
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70 At 10:36 a.m. the Board went into recess.
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72 At 10:45 a.m. the Board returned to regular session.
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74 **REVIEW OF PRIOR YEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUDITS** 75

76 Assistant County Manager of Finance/Administration, Rick Hemphill, presented updates on
77 three (3) fire and rescue audits that were selected for this year's rotation:
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- 79 • West New Bern, initially for review, was not done and was rescheduled for 2013
- 80 • Twp. 7
- 81 • Tri Community
- 82 • New Bern/Craven
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84 A summary of the audits was presented. A questionable expense by Twp. 7 was discussed
85 regarding funds that had been used to pay for a funeral, which is in violation of policy. Mr.
86 Hemphill recommended sending a letter to other departments noting the types of fundings in the
87 audit, to alert others of the expected standard.
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89 Commissioner Dacey inquired if the County has a manual of standard operating procedures that
90 could help guide these small departments. Mr. Hemphill responded that the letters will include
91 some suggestions and inquired if the County should deduct the funeral expense for Twp. 7's
92 future disbursements.

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94 Commissioner Dacey moved to direct Twp. 7 Rescue Squad to reimburse their account for the
95 amount they expended without authority, seconded by Commissioner Mark and carried with six
96 (6) “ayes”, there being one (1) “nay” from Commissioner McCabe.

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REDISTRICTING

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100 Craven County Manager, Jack Veit, presented all five (5) versions of the proposed Craven
101 County redistricting maps. It was recommended that the Board choose one of the proposed
102 redistricting maps and begin the process of ratifying it as defined by law.

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104 Commissioner Sampson stated his preference for Draft #4 over Draft #5. Commissioner Mark
105 stated that Draft #4 caused District 2 to cut into two of the District 1 precincts. Draft #5 only
106 cuts into one, and provides cleaner lines where neighborhoods are kept together. It also provides
107 better access to District 2 by the District 2 Commissioner.

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109 Marshall Hurley explained that the next steps are guided by NCGS 153A-22: adoption of new
110 boundaries by resolution, with all tests having been established.

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112 Pursuant to public hearing, once adopted, Mr. Hurley and Mr. Morgan will collect all data for
113 submission to the Justice Department for obtaining per-clearance. Alternatively, pre-clearance
114 may be sought through the court system, although this option is less timely and more costly.
115 Therefore, the administrative route is preferable. Commissioner Taylor moved to submit Draft
116 #5 to the process, seconded by Commissioner Mark and carried with five (5) “ayes”, there being
117 two (2) “nays” from Commissioners McCabe and Sampson.

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119 At 11:48 a.m. Commissioner Taylor moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and
120 unanimously carried.

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