

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE DOVER FIRE STATION, 107 NORTH MAIN STREET, DOVER, NORTH CAROLINA, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Jack B. Veit III., County Manager
Gene Hodges, Assistant County Manager – Operations/Facilities
Richard F. Hemphill, Assistant County Manager – Finance/Administration
Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
Jim Hicks, County Attorney
Aaron Arnette, County Attorney Associate

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called for any correction to the minutes. There being none, the minutes of August 20, 2012 regular session were accepted, as presented.

CHAIRMAN'S PRIVILEGE

The Chairman turned the floor over to District 2 Commissioner, Jeff Taylor. He introduced Mayor Wetherington of Dover, who welcomed the Board and provided historical background on the community. He invited everyone back to attend the Dover Firemen's Day on October 6.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Martin Vezina briefed the Board on First Tee of Eastern North Carolina, a youth character development program. He explained that it is a non-profit charity, youth development program currently established in four of the County's elementary schools. Fundraising is underway to expand to additional schools. There is no funding being supplied by the PGA or Tiger Woods Foundation.

Bill Harper spoke about Global Transpark/NC Eastern Region. He asked that Craven County withdraw from the NCER. Assistant County Manager of Finance/Administration, Rick Hemphill, stated that the money to fund the entity came from license plate fees and state appropriations, but no County money was involved. Commissioner Taylor stated it does not cost the County any appropriated funds for membership and the County can access \$2.2 M of its license plate fees in the NCER loan pool at low interest for economic development purposes. These funds would otherwise be unavailable unless the region dissolves. He expressed the belief that regions have outlived their usefulness and the hope that a new administration will take a hard look at the concept.

Charlie Simmons, 2218 Tuscarora Rhems Road, addressed the Board concerning prayer and stated that God holds leaders accountable. Citizens depend on leaders to intercede for them.

Ray Griffin, 1981 Streets Ferry Road, commented in objection to the issuance of an ABC permit to the County.

Stephanie & Ronnie Mayo requested to be on the agenda but were not present.

Glenn Haworth requested to be on the agenda but was not present.

TAX RELEASES AND REFUNDS

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

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
ANDERSON, CECIL & FELECIA L DWMH LISTED REAL & PERSONAL	2012-0001128	\$294.14
ATLANTIC COAST LANDSCAPE CO NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2012	2012-0001967	\$117.50
BARLANTI, ANTHONY V & BRENDA M INCORRECT SITUS – TO BE REBILLED	2012-0002928	\$465.12
BEST, SHARON INCORRECT SITUS - TO BE REBILLED	2012-0004652	\$33.85
CITITRENDS INC #425 INCORRECTLY BILLED LATE PENALTY	2012-0010639	\$50.36
CROSSON, RONNIE LEE II MILITARY EXCLUSION	2012-0013074	\$102.09
DEAN REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST-SH SENIOR EXCLUSION TRANS. FROM 80274	2012-0014583	\$398.95
EDWARDS, ADER NELSON HOME NO LONGER EXIST – ON LEASEHOLD	2012-0017002	\$61.73
EGGERS, GEORGE ALAN VALUE CORRECTION	2012-0017225	\$30.12
GLOVER, WILLIAM RANDY APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2012-0022002	\$41.65
GORMAN, THOMAS ANDREW INCORRECT SITUS – TO BE REBILLED	2012-0022497	\$38.21
HATHCOCK, LINDSAY C INCORRECT SITUS – TO BE REBILLED	2012-0025597	\$40.67
HAWLEY, JOSHUA MILITARY EXEMPTION	2008-0025637	\$29.75
HAWLEY, JOSHUA MILITARY EXEMPTION	2009-0025709	\$24.70
HAWLEY, JOSHUA MILITARY EXEMPTION	2010-0023429	\$15.66
HAWLEY, JOSHUA MILITARY EXEMPTION	2011-0025963	\$15.10
KEYES, MURL GRAY & JAMES EDWAR DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0031792	\$89.64
LEE LLC-SUSAN PARKER APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2012-0033856	\$328.71

DESCRIPTION	APPROVAL ID	AMOUNT
LOPEZ, PATRICIA B DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0035200	\$369.09
LYNCH, DONNY & BARBARA BOAT LOCATED ON BOARD CHERRY POINT	2010-0032191	\$350.20
MCDONALD, WILLIAM D APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2012-0037940	\$566.21
MCULLAN, WANDA ANN –TRUST BILLED WRONG OWNER – REBILLING	2012-0038442	\$366.39
MESSICK, PETER CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2011-0091840	\$135.54
MEWBORN, MABLE DOUBLE LISTED – SEE PID 8-038-102	2012-0038976	\$67.64
MOORE, WALTER C & CONNIE T APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2012-0040605	\$.80
NEUSE RIVER DEVELOPMENT CORP I EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2012-0042177	\$21.95
PERRY, BRENDA EMERSON APPROVED FOR SCE AFTER BILLING	2012-0045015	\$92.83
PETERS, CARL & PETERS, JANE & APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2012-0045105	\$295.09
POUNDS CONSTRUCTION INC – JERRY MISSED DEED PER MAPPING – DID NOT OWN	2012-0046094	\$703.81
RAGAN, GARY JR & TAMMY S DID NOT OWN 1/1/2007	2007-0045312	\$82.16
RAGAN, GARY JR & TAMMY S DID NOT OWN 1/1/2008	2008-0091406	\$68.37
RAGAN, GARY JR & TAMMY S DID NOT OWN 1/1/2009	2009-0046447	\$56.99
RAGAN, GARY JR & TAMMY S DID NOT OWN 1/1/2010	2010-0042472	\$36.76
RAGAN, GARY JR & TAMMY S DID NOT OWN 1/1/2011	2011-0047223	\$34.65
RAGAN, GARY JR & TAMMY S DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0047080	\$30.04
RIVERWIND OF CRAVEN COUNTY LLC FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2008-0047486	\$53.82
RIVERWIND OF CRAVEN COUNTY LLC FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2009-0047935	\$50.22
RIVERWIND OF CRAVEN COUNTY LLC FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2010-0093860	\$74.22
RIVERWIND OF CRAVEN COUNTY LLC FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2011-0048772	\$68.46

RIVERWIND OF CRAVEN COUNTY LLC FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2012-0048695	\$59.40
ROUNDTREE, ERNEST & JANICE DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2000	2011-0049568	\$36.00
ROUNDTREE, ERNEST & JANICE DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2000	2012-0049492	\$36.00
SCOTT, REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST-D SENIOR EXCLUSION NOT CARRIED OVER	2012-0050994	\$348.34
STURGILL, ROBERT B JR, JEFFREY CORRECTION OF VET DISCOUNT/REBILL	2012-0055031	\$88.17
WELLS, JOYCE TAYLOR RECYCLE DOUBLE BILLED	2012-0060613	\$36.00
WEST, WILLARD N JR & JEAN CORRECTION OF TRAILER VALUE	2012-0060796	\$2.38
WHITFIELD, JAMES EARL DOUBLE LISTED – SEE ACCT 90062	2012-0090105	\$661.11
WHITFIELD, RIGDON KEITH CLERICAL ERROR ON VETERAN EXCLUSION	2012-0061900	\$40.23
WILLIAM I KINCAID III DDS PLLC CHARGED LATE PENALTY IN ERROR	2012-0062537	\$26.51
	49 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$7,037.33

Refunds

ANDERSON, CECIL & FELECIA L DWMH LISTED AS REAL & PERSONAL	2011-0001152	\$308.49
ANDERSON, CECIL & FELECIA L DWMH LISTED AS REAL & PERSONAL	2010-0001073	\$322.86
	2 – REFUND (S)	\$631.35

ABC BOARD PRESENTATION

ABC Board Chairman, Charles Collins, presented a distribution check in the amount of \$865,090 for an overage of operating expenses from 2011-2012. The amount represents the profit over operating expense. Expectations for next year will probably be less than this year but likely higher than in the past. This end-of year distribution is in addition to the regular quarterly distribution, which will follow.

Commissioner Taylor moved to put the \$865,090 into the County’s capital improvement fund, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

County Manager, Jack Viet, stated that the additional revenue will help with a CIP shortfall projected for 2016.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MATTERS

Request to Set Public Hearing

Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, requested that a public hearing be set for Monday, September 17, 2012 at 8:30 a.m., to receive public comment regarding the establishment of a gun shop at 1711 Old Airport Road within the Airport Zone. Commissioner Mark moved to set a public hearing for Monday, September 17, 2012 at 8:30 a.m., as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Subdivision for Approval

The Planning Board recommended the following subdivision for approval. Commissioner Sampson moved for its approval, as recommended, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Shelton D. Pappas – Final: The property, owned by Shelton D. Pappas and surveyed by Matthews Surveying PLLC, is located within Twp. 9, on Lane Farm Rd. (SR 1480), Parcel ID 9-026-030. The subdivision contains 1 lot on 0.76 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and an existing individual septic system.

DOVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMEN TRUCK PURCHASE

Brad White, Dover Fire Chief, announced the department's intent to purchase a used fire truck from the Town of Southern Pines for \$30,000, combining financing with a current outstanding loan. The term of the loan will be extended, resulting in no change in the amount of monthly payment. He noted that the new truck will help lower the insurance rating for the taxpayers in the fire district. There was no objection from the Board.

MILITARY FAMILY OF THE QUARTER

The Board received a request to adopt a resolution honoring the family of Sergeant Francisco Rodriguez Hernandez Jr., as Military Family of the Quarter. A luncheon will be held in their honor of Thursday September 13, 2012 at noon, where Commissioner Taylor will be in attendance to present the resolution. Commissioner Tyson moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Dacey and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE FAMILY
OF SERGEANT FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ HERNANDEZ JR.
AS MILITARY FAMILY OF THE QUARTER**

WHEREAS, Sergeant Francisco Rodriguez Hernandez Jr., a native of Aurora, IL., arrived at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in 2008, reporting to the 2nd Marine Air Wing, VMA-223; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Rodriguez Hernandez currently serves as the NCOIC of Barracks Managers for MAC-14's S-4 Department for 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing and originally served as an airframes mechanic for VMA-223, volunteering much of his time to both units by assisting with pre-deployment briefs, welcome home events, Single Marine events, Marine Corps Ball car wash fundraisers and Winter Wonderland; and

WHEREAS, despite the high demands placed on him by his career, he is devoted to his local church, Church Relevant, serving as a youth mentor, as well as volunteering countless hours with Habitat for Humanity, the local food pantry in New Bern and Havelock's annual Chili Festival; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Rodriguez Hernandez' wife, Jessica, devotes much of her free time volunteering at their church and serves as a Readiness Assistant, where she is involved in organizing many unit events with VMA-223 and MAG-14; and

WHEREAS, the Rodriguez Hernandez family is currently undergoing the process of becoming foster parents in an effort to provide a good home to children in need and to make a difference in their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners recognizes the family of Sergeant Francisco Rodriguez Hernandez Jr., for their deep involvement with the command, the base and the local community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners congratulates them on being selected Military Family of the Quarter.

Adopted this 4th day of September, 2012.

APPOINTMENTS

Pending Appointments

It was the consensus of the Board to defer appointments to the following boards and committees:

- Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority
- Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Regional Aging Advisory Committee
- Fire Tax Commissioner (Twp. 7)
- River Bend Planning Board – Extraterritorial Member
- Recreation and Parks Advisory Board
- Adult Care Home Advisory Committee

Craven County Clean Sweep Committee

The Board was advised of the applications of Len Long and Robert Blair on the Craven County Clean Sweep Committee. Both were appointed by acclamation to be ratified at the Board's next meeting.

Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees

The Board was advised of the expiring term of Dred Mitchell, representing Cove City, on the Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees. EMS Director, Stanley Kite, was asked to check on Mr. Mitchell's willingness for reappointment.

Promise Place

It was the consensus of the Board to defer this appointment.

Upcoming Appointments

The Board was advised of expiring appointments on the following boards and committees:

October

Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees
Fire Tax Commissioners

November

Fire Tax Commissioners

December

Health
New Bern Library
Commissioners' Appointments

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager, Jack Veit, reported that the State Election Board has voted for two (2) Sunday elections, which was not budgeted, for the New Bern location only.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Mark announced that he and Clerk, Gwendolyn Bryan, will be speaking at the New Bern Women's Club on Thursday September 6, regarding Craven County's 300th Anniversary.

Commissioner Taylor expressed thanks to Dover for their gracious hospitality. He announced the following upcoming events:

September 8 – Jasper Jubilee, MS Bikethon
September 12 – Blood Drive at the Emerald Golf and Country Club
September 9 – RCS service

Commissioner Tyson recognized Mac Daughery, Lenoir County Commissioner in attendance. He expressed thanks to Dover's Mayor Wetherington and Fire Chief, Brad White, for their hospitality and stated that he has enjoyed reaching out to the municipalities in the County for meetings.

Commissioner McCabe stated that he has received many complaints regarding mosquitos and would like to bring back the spraying program. Commissioner McCabe moved to bring back the spraying program, seconded by Commissioner Sampson; however, the motion failed with five (5) "nays" from Commissioners Allen, Dacey, Mark, Taylor & Tyson, there being two (2) "ayes" from Commissioners McCabe and Sampson. Commissioner Taylor stated that New Bern has been spraying and it has not been successful.

Commissioner Sampson commented on high gas prices and stated the importance of looking out for one another. He read a scripture from Matthew 25:33 for all who are interested in understanding and obeying scripture.

Vice Chairman Dacey announced that the Regional Library received retirement notice of Jackie Beach, effective September 30, 2012. The Regional Library Board will meet again September 5 to identify an interim director and analyze a budget for savings, which may allow the County to carry on with Craven-Pamlico-Carteret Regional Library. He thanked Mrs. Beach for her service. Chairman Allen stated the he would like to see more accountability to the participating Counties on the part of the regional library.

At 8:48 p.m. Commissioner Tyson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

Chairman Lee Kyle Allen
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board