

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, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 A.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, members of Leadership Craven in attendance were acknowledged by the Chairman.

The Chairman called for any corrections to the minutes. There being none, the minutes of September 4, 2012 were approved as presented.

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 Tyson moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Credits

TAXPAYER AMOUNT	TICKET #	AMOUNT
BENTON, JESSE VANN & LISA WARD NOT IN CRAVEN COUNTY 2012	2012-0004442	\$102.39
BISSELL RENTAL LLC #566 APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2012-0004853	\$1.50
BONNICI, ANTHONY M BOAT VALUE CORRECTION	2012-0005553	\$4.32
BRUNNER, DANIEL C DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0007332	\$39.48
BUTZ, ANTHONY ROBERT DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0008368	\$8.27
CARTER, SHARON A APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2012-0008507	\$671.11
CHURCH-PINEY GROVE AME ZION BY EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.2	2012-0010542	\$19.84
COOKE, DANIEL L INCORRECT SITUS – REBILL	2012-0011847	\$10.06

COOKE, DANIEL L INCORRECT SITUS – REBILL	2012-0011848	\$21.96
CUNDIFF, DARON DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0013313	\$642.96
DANGELO, ANDREW INCORRECT SITUS-REBILL	2012-0013677	\$104.66
DAVIS, JASON STEWART INCORRECT SITUS – REBILL	2012-0014171	\$269.76
FIEDLER, KATHRYN MARIE MH DOUBLE BILLED – SEE 52293	2012-0018483	\$44.55
FIEDLER, PHYLLIS DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 69841	2011-0090523	\$48.69
FONVILLE, NORVIS GORE APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2012-0019234	\$189.97
GENEVA CAPITAL LLC APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2012-0021404	\$22.73
GENEVA CAPITAL LLC APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2012-0021405	\$6.57
GOLDMAN & CO INC – RAYMOND APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2012-0022298	\$247.22
GREEN, ANTHONY RAYMOND DID NOT OWN 1/1/2005	2005-0021438	\$17.63
GREEN, ANTHONY RAYMOND DID NOT OWN 1/1/2005	2005-0090004	\$43.02
GREEN, ANTHONY RAYMOND DID NOT OWN 1/1/2006	2006-0021659	\$16.12
GREEN, ANTHONY RAYMOND DID NOT OWN 1/1/2007	2007-0022246	\$14.62
GREEN, ANTHONY RAYMOND DID NOT OWN 1/1/2008	2008-0022727	\$13.16
GREEN, ANTHONY RAYMOND DID NOT OWN 1/1/2009	2009-0022788	\$11.06
GREEN, ANTHONY RAYMOND DID NOT OWN 1/1/2010	2010-0020761	\$8.42
GREEN, ANTHONY RAYMOND DID NOT OWN 1/1/2011	2011-0023041	\$7.59
GREEN, ANTHONY RAYMOND DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0022868	\$6.69
HANSON, ROBERT MICHAEL DID NOT OWN 1/1/2009	2009-0024141	\$29.62

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HANSON, ROBERT MICHAEL DID NOT OWN 1/1/2010	2010-0022034	\$24.24
HANSON, ROBERT MICHAEL DID NOT OWN 1/1/2011	2011-0024415	\$36.72
HANSON, ROBERT MICHAEL DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0024245	\$27.40
HARRELL, MATTHEW JOSEPH BOAT NOT IN CRAVEN COUNTY 1/1/2012	2012-0024946	\$119.51
HARTLEY, DAVID HOWARD SR & LIS APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2012-0025373	\$595.39
HARTMAN, MARK S & ERIN M INCORRECT SITUS – REBILL	2012-0025415	\$25.62
HOUSE, MARVIN S MILITARY EXEMPTION	2012-0027904	\$59.40
LAWHORNE, HAYWOOD & IDA DWELLING UNOCCUPIED SINCE 2012	2012-0033629	\$36.00
LAWRENCE, DENNIS GUY & ELIZABE BOAT NOT IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2012-0033646	\$880.10
LEAHY, ROBERT F LIVING TRUST DWELLING UNOCCUPIED SINCE 2008	2012-0033776	\$36.00
LEGGER, MARTIN BOAT VALUE CORRECTION PER BOS	2012-0034025	\$169.36
LEONARD, MICHELLE DENISE RELEASED TO JONES COUNTY	2012-0034099	\$183.30
LITTLETON, BEN G FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2012-0034865	\$52.23
MACKENZIE, JUDY LYNN & RODERIC DWELLING VACANT SINCE MAY 2011	2012-0035920	\$36.00
MARR, DONALD W & ANNE E INCORRECT SITUS – REBILL	2012-0036546	\$687.61
MCLAWHORN, DANIEL EARL APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2012-0038362	\$32.98
NELSON, DAVID ALLEN BOAT VALUE CORRECTION	2012-0041965	\$62.23
NEUSE RIVER COMMUNITY DEVELOP EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6(A)(8)	2012-0042173	\$95.17
NEUSE RIVER COMMUNITY DEVELOP EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6(A)(8)	2012-0042176	\$24.11
NEUSE RIVER COMMUNITY DEVELOP EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6(A)(8)	2012-0042175	\$12.03
NEUSE RIVER COMMUNITY DEVELOP EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6(A)(8)	2012-0042174	\$23.22

NEW BERN PRESERVATION FOUNDAT EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.7(C)(2)	2012-0042259	\$158.39
OLSEN, TINA DID NOT OWN 1/1/2011	2012-0043496	\$49.78
OLSEN, TINA DID NOT OWN 1/1/2011	2011-0090985	\$55.20
PARKER, DOROTHY BLOUNT DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2007	2012-0044222	\$36.00
PRECIOSE, STACY L VEHICLE NOT IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2012-0046309	\$55.46
RIGGS, AMY SCARLETT APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2012-0048332	\$743.02
RIVERA SALAZAR, REYNA MAGALY RELEASED TO BEAUFORT COUNTY	2010-0093857	\$50.95
ROETTGER, DARRELL SCOTT BOAT VALUE CORRECTION	2012-0049189	\$108.05
SEVINGY, DIANE INCORRECT SITUS – REBILL	2012-0051465	\$313.91
SMITH, PHILLIP L III & PEGGY S DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2009	2012-0053045	\$36.00
STALLINGS, DAVID M BOAT NOT IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2012-0053906	\$28.06
STALLINGS, ROY P III VALUE CORRECTION	2012-0053955	\$29.10
THOMPSON, BENNY INCORRECT SITUS – REBILL	2012-0056839	\$172.16
TURNAGE, PAMELA GAIL & CHARLES MH RELEASED TO PITT COUNTY FOR 2012	2012-0058142	\$49.58
WALLACE, JERRY M & DIANE R INCORRECT SITUS - REBILL	2012-0059550	\$146.33
WAYNE, TONY RAY & SANDY DWELLING UNOCCUPIED	2012-0060307	\$36.00
WHEATLEY, CAROL L NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2011	2011-0092108	\$9.30
ZIMMERMAN, DALE RUEBEN DID NOT OWN 1/1/12	2012-0064715	\$87.82
	67 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$8,007.70
<i>Refunds</i>		
CARTER, SHARON A APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0009672	\$675.11

CHURCH-PINEY GROVE AME ZION BY 2011-0010628 EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.2	\$19.94
CHURCH-PINEY GROVE AME ZION BY 2010-0009666 EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.2	\$19.94
CHURCH-PINEY GROVE AME ZION BY 2009-0010452 EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.2	\$10.34
CHURCH-PINEY GROVE AME ZION BY 2008-0010477 EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.2	\$10.34
5 – REFUND (S)	\$735.67

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSING AUTHORITY DIRECTOR

Chairman of the New Bern Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, Ms. E.T. Mitchell, formally introduced the new Executive Director of the Housing Authority, Mr. Julian Marsh. Ms. Mitchell explained that the Board has been expanded and reorganized, beginning in January, and is currently engaged in efforts to modernize the housing authority. Mr. Marsh stated that he would like the housing authority to be viewed in the community as a positive partner.

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

The following resolution recognizing Tryon Palace Director, Kay Williams, on the occasion of her retirement was presented and adopted unanimously by motion of Commissioner Mark, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
KAY PHILLIPS WILLIAMS**

WHEREAS, Kay Williams has guided the direction of Craven County’s gem, Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens, for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership the original vision for this effort has been expanded to include acquisition of several adjacent and related sites, and broadening of interpretive activities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams has led the charge to ensure that our community’s whole diverse history is reflected in the operations of Tryon Palace; and

WHEREAS, this visionary saw and vigorously pursued the opportunity to create for our community, the North Carolina History Center, a facility of statewide and national significance to the education of citizens and visitors on the history of eastern North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the dedicated service of Kay Phillips Williams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Craven County expresses appreciation for Ms. Williams’ contributions to this community and wishes her well on her impending retirement.

Adopted this 17th day of September, 2012.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Assistant County Manager of Finance/Administration, Rick Hemphill, presented the following budget amendments for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Sampson moved for their approval, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Schools

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$122,582.00	101-8500-480-37-01 Current Expense	\$122,582.00
TOTAL	\$122,582.00	TOTAL	\$122,582.00

Justification: State released salary rate increases of 1.2% after County budget was adopted. Need to budget an additional \$122,582 for school’s current expenditures to accommodate this increase. Actual increase was \$131,579 but offset by decrease of \$8,997 from reduction in retirement rate.

Health/Diabetes

101-6711-348-67-00 State Funds	\$1,525.00	101-6711-440-27-00 Advertising * New Line	\$ 600.00
101-6711-399-08-00 Carryover Balance	\$ 681.00	101-6711-440-32-40 Other Supplies	\$1,606.00
TOTAL	\$2,206.00	TOTAL	\$2,206.00

Justification: Carryover & State funds will be used for newspaper advertising as well as creating brochures for health fairs and community events in order to build relationships with providers and to increase referrals for patients who have diabetes.

Health – Children’s Environmental Health

101-3133-399-08-00 Carryover from 0 to \$19,239	\$19,239.00	101-3133-420-40-50 Contract Employee (from 16870 to 27870)	\$11,000.00
		101-3133-420-24-00 Meeting expenses (from 200 to 400)	\$ 200.00
		101-3133-420-25-02 Mileage (from 0 to 399)	\$ 339.00
		101-3133-420-32-40 Other supplies – (from 200 to 3700)	\$ 3,500.00
		101-3133-420-20-00 Postage (from 100 to 300)	\$ 200.00
		101-3133-420-27-00 Advertising (from 100 to 4100)	\$ 4,000.00
TOTAL	\$19,239.00	TOTAL	\$19,239.00

Justification: These funds carried over from FY 11/12 will be used to support the contractor who conducts fee-based lead-based print inspections & teaches classes. Deb Yarbrough is spending time in Preparedness and Food/Lodging, & these fee-based activities could not be done without the contractor. \$200 will go to meeting expenses to cover the costs of drinks etc. for people taking classes. \$200 will go to postage-we have used most because of the lead-hazard at a day care. \$4,000 will go to advertising to promote or fee-based services. \$339 will go to mileage because there are not many cars available for out-of-county travel. \$3,500 will go to other supplies. This budget section will not spend more money that is receives in revenues or carries over from FY 11/12.

Rescue Squads

101-0000-399-01-00	\$41,474.00	101-2829-410-33-20	\$23,425.00
Fund Balance		Vanceboro	
		101-2825-410-33-20	\$18,049.00
		New Bern Craven	
TOTAL	\$41,474.00	TOTAL	\$41,474.00

Justification: 2012 DOI fund grant – 50/50 match.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MATTERS

Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit

At 9:07 a.m. Commissioner Tyson moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried, for the purpose of obtaining comments from the public regarding the establishment of a gun shop at 1711 Old Airport Road within the Airport Zone, as required per the County’s ordinance. The following citizens spoke:

1. *Dana Hall, 1709 Old Airport Road*, who is the petitioner, was asked to explain the extensive process and strict regulations required to open such a shop.
2. *Jason Robert Hall, 209 Neuse Harbour Blvd.*, spoke in support of the Conditional Use Permit.
3. *Jason Frederick, 311 Church Hill Ct.*, represented the Planning Office and provided background information.

Findings of fact were as follows:

Element 1

Commissioner Dacey moved that the proposed use will not materially endanger the public health, safety, or general welfare if located where proposed and developed according to the plan as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

Element 2

Commissioner Dacey moved that the proposed use meets all required conditions and specifications of the Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

Element 3

Commissioner Dacey moved that: (i) the proposed use will not adversely affect the use or any physical attribute of adjoining or abutting property; or (ii) that the use is a public necessity, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

Element 4

Commissioner Dacey moved that the location and character of the use, if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved, will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried.

At 9:14 a.m. Commissioner Mark moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Craven County Application for Funding Under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, As Amended

The Community Development Block Grant program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the N.C. Department of Commerce. Reed Whitesell of Holland Consulting Planners provided a brief background of the Community Development program, explaining that the state has taken funds away from the housing category, and shifted more to infrastructure and he presented an overview of the current program.

Mr. Whitesell presented three categories that have been discussed by the Planning Department staff for an aggregate amount of up to \$1.25M, as follows:

- 1) Preliminary letter of interest for \$750,000 infrastructure project to benefit low and moderate income households by installation of a new water line (Henderson Godette Road), relocation of water and sewer lines (Dudly Street), and installation of new STEP pumps for low and moderate income households in the James City community;
- 2) A \$250,000 CDBG-SBEA application to help small business to relocate to the industrial park, with the expectation that ten (10) jobs will be created;
- 3) A \$225,000 scattered site project, with a new requirement that the participating households be working households with dependent children, who must pay back a portion of their assistance to the County as a 0% amortized loan.

At 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Tyson moved to go into public hearing to receive comments from the public concerning the County's application, seconded by Commissioner McCabe. There were no speakers from the public. During discussion among the Commissioners, they were assured by staff that agreements will be set in place to protect the County's interests relative to the CDBG-SBEA grant. The income range for the scattered site program was clarified to be \$22,000-\$26,000 per household. Commissioner Sampson expressed concern that the program income level requirement has been raised.

At 9:25 a.m. Commissioner Taylor moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried. Commissioner Tyson moved to set public hearings for October 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., to receive public comment on the CDBG-SBEA grant application and the CDBG-scattered site application. Commissioner Mark seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

VANCEBORO RESCUE SQUAD REQUEST

Keith Morris, Captain of the Vanceboro Rescue Squad, came before the Board to present a request for a Department of Insurance grant match. County Manager, Jack Veit, advised the Board that New Bern/Craven Rescue is also applying for such a grant. Commissioner Mark stated that the information about the rescue squad's grant application came after the current budget was set. He also expressed opposition to matching fire department grants because they have an independent revenue source through fire tax; however, rescue squads do not. In addition paramedics are required in some instances. He offered support for the request from Vanceboro Rescue Squad.

Mr. Morris stated that in Vanceboro Medicare/Medicaid and private insurance reimbursed charges are greater than the County allocation by 15-20%. This funds paramedics full-time. The grant total being sought is \$46,850, with a match amount of \$23,425.

New Bern/Craven Rescue Squad's total grant request is \$36,000, with a match amount of \$18,000.

Assistant County Manager of Finance/Administration, Rick Hemphill, stated that the squads have never budgeted these funds because they never know if they would get approved for a grant, but have been asked that they note their intent to apply for the grants on their budget requests at budget time.

Commissioner Dacey inquired if there is a shortfall in funds to squads due to a deficiency in collections from Medicare. Mr. Hemphill responded that there is not, and currently funds are

being reimbursed to the fullest extent that Medicare will allow. Commissioner Dacey recommended that the full potential for costs be requested in the future at budget time, and if grants are not received, the budgets can be adjusted.

Commissioner Mark moved to approve the \$23,425 grant match for Vanceboro Rescue Squad, as requested, from fund balance, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the \$18,000 grant match for New Bern/Craven Rescue Squad, as requested, from fund balance, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

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
- Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

Fire Tax Commissioner (Twp. 7)

Commissioner Tyson nominated William Laughinghouse for reappointment to the Fire Tax Commission (Twp. 7). Mr. Laughinghouse was appointed by acclamation, to be ratified at the Board's next meeting.

Adult Care Home Advisory Committee

Commissioner Mark nominated Susan Mathes for appointment to the Adult Care Home Advisory Committee, and moved to waive the one meeting waiting period. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clean Sweep Committee

Commissioner Dacey moved to affirm the appointments of Len Long and Robert Blair that were made to the Clean Sweep Committee on September 4, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

River Bend Planning Board (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)

Commissioner Dacey nominated Kelly Forrest for appointment to the River Bend Planning Board (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction), and moved to waive the one meeting waiting period. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees

Commissioner Taylor nominated Dred Mitchell for reappointment to the Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees. There being no additional nominees, Mr. Mitchell was appointed by acclamation, to be ratified at the Board's next meeting.

Promise Place

Chairman Allen nominated Raynor James for appointment to Promise Place, and moved to waive the one meeting waiting period. Commissioner Dacey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. It was noted, however, that Promise Place bylaws stipulate that potential appointees attend three consecutive meetings before being recommended for appointment. Ms. James will be asked to attend the three consecutive meetings and her appointment will, thereafter, be ratified.

New Bern Board of Adjustment (Extraterritorial Member)

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

Upcoming Appointments

The Board was advised of upcoming 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' Appointment

PROPOSED NEW CONTRACT FOR CPC LIBRARY

County Manager, Jack Veit, presented the proposed contract for the Craven-Pamlico-Carteret Regional Library. He reported that there has not been a contract since the original contract from 1964. Highlighted changes include: 1) a fourth member from each county, to be a Commissioner; 2) shortened terms from six (6) years to four (4) years.

Mr. Veit stated that staff does not see the cost benefit to the County if the County withdraws from the regional system. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the contract, with Mr. Veit and Mr. Hemphill to address Item #5 (Insurance), seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried. Commissioner Taylor moved to authorize the County Manager to write a resolution rescinding the County's intent to withdraw from the regional system, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Chairman Allen expressed concern that the Regional Director is hired by the CPC Regional Board without involvement of the county managers. Commissioner Dacey stated that the statute dictates that the Regional Board makes the appointment of an executive director. He will distribute a copy of the audit to the other Commissioners. He stated that he does not anticipate a new director being hired before the end of the year. The Regional Library Board will run the region with the remaining staff designated to specific roles, such as check signing.

2013 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The following proposed 2013 Holiday Schedule for Craven County employees was presented.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, December 31, 2012 (Floating)
Tuesday, January 1, 2013

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY

Monday, January 21, 2013

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29, 2013

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 27, 2013

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Thursday, July 4, 2013
Friday, July 5, 2013 (Floating)

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 2, 2013

VETERAN'S DAY

Monday, November 11, 2013

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 28, 2013

Friday, November 29, 2013

CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 24, 2013

Wednesday, December 25, 2013

Thursday, December 26, 2013

Approved by the Craven County Board of Commissioners at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 17, 2012

Commissioner Dacey moved to approve the holiday schedule, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney, Jim Hicks, reported that out of 56,000 tax parcels in Craven County, 60-70 appeal were presented to the Property Tax Commission and hearings were held on 25-30. He stated that in the past week, three, including the Kern property, were all won by the County. The County's appeals were upheld 100% by the Commission.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT*CAFR Award*

County Manager, Jack Veit, read a press release concerning Craven County's receipt of the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting, and the Finance Department was recognized.

300th Anniversary Event

Mr. Veit reminded citizens of the upcoming signature 300th event being held on September 22.

Public Information Meeting

Mr. Veit stated that he would like to hold a public information meeting for the water plant on November 1 at 7:00 p.m. at James Smith Elementary School.

Maps

Mr. Veit distributed district maps to the Commissioners for review.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner McCabe requested approval of half of the funds needed for a new fire hydrant at Station #3, Harlowe Fire Department. The approximate cost is \$5,000. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve half of the funds for a new fire hydrant at Station #3. The motion was withdrawn. Staff will need to evaluate costs and Rusty Hayes, Water Superintendent, will need an engineer to do a flow test to seek state permitting. The matter was deferred.

Commissioner Sampson stated that he is still outraged with the high gas prices. He encouraged volunteerism and stated that reports from a recent ECWFD Board meeting indicate that the education of kids is not adequate for future needs.

Commissioner Taylor stated that 1/10 of 1¢ increase in District 5 fire tax would raise the \$5,000 needed for the fire hydrant. He announced Cove City Firemen's Day on September 22 and Dover Firemen's Day on October 6.

Commissioner Mark announced a Town Hall meeting in Vanceboro on September 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Vice Chairman Dacey announced a Town Hall meeting in the Commissioner's Room on September 26 from 4:00-5:30. He distributed to Commissioners a report from Mark Griffin on North Carolina's Eastern Region.

Chairman Allen announced the upcoming NC Chili Festival on October 18-19

At 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Taylor moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried.

Chairman Lee Kyle Allen
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board