

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN RECONVENED ITS REGULAR SESSION OF JUNE 3, 2013 ON JUNE 7, 2013 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO CONDUCT A BUDGET WORK SESSION.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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
 Amber Parker, Human Resources Director

Review of Public Hearing Comments:

- Veterans Council – no change recommended
- Meals Program – no change; Commissioner McCabe stated that he would like to contact those eligible in Havelock and Harlowe regarding feasibility and willingness to travel to the New Bern site. County Attorney, Jim Hicks, advised against doing so, citing privacy laws. He said it would be more appropriate for staff to do it. Commissioner Sampson stated that he is willing, as a taxpayer, to have tax money go towards the centers in Harlowe and Havelock for seniors to get meals.
- Commissioner Taylor appealed to the Board to keep an open mind as the year progresses in regard to Dover's request, especially in the event they procure grants that require a match. Chairman Dacey stated that the Planning Department may become aware of some opportunities. Dover is seeking assistance for a building repair to house and establish a library, a community center, which may also serve as an evacuation center, and a walking trail at the park.
- Commissioner McCabe stated that the allocations to libraries seem inequitable and that \$89,000 for Havelock is not enough. They are in need of computers. It was noted that Havelock was offered state-of-the-art computers from BSH, but refused them.

At 12:35 p.m. Commissioner Mark moved to go into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Taylor pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the salaries of the County Manager, the Sheriff and the Register of Deeds.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board returned to regular session.

The Chairman reported that the Board considered setting the salary of the Register of Deeds, Sheriff and County Manager. The Board reached a consensus to include a 4.8% merit for the Register of Deeds and County Manager; however, it was the majority consensus to maintain the Sheriff's salary at its current level, with two dissenting opinions, to be ratified with the adoption of the budget.

At 1:05 p.m. Commissioner Taylor moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

Scott C. Dacey
 Craven County Board of Commissioners

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