

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, MARCH 18, 2013. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 A.M.

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
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
Jim Hicks, County Attorney
Aaron Arnette, County Attorney Associate

Following an invocation by Chairman Dacey and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Mark moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Sampson. The minutes were approved without correction by Commissioner Mark, seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Debt Refunding

At 8:35 a.m. Commissioner Tyson moved to go into public hearing, as duly advertised, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to hear comments on the refunding of a portion of the 2007 Certificates of Participation with SunTrust (STING) in an amount not to exceed \$35,000,000. Assistant County Manager, Finance/Administration, Rick Hemphill, stated that collateral for the loan will remain as the Judicial Center and Creekside Elementary School. Savings to the County will be over \$2 million over the term of the bonds through 2027, with a principal amount of \$28,225,000. The final amount of refunding is not yet known and depends on the rate at the time of closing, but will be approximately \$34,000,000.

The Board was asked to pass the following resolution, approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of a supplemental agreement to the County's installment purchase contract and related documents. Mr. Hemphill stated that the only change since the previous meeting is that Regions Bank will serve as escrow agent and trustee rather than Wells Fargo Bank. It is estimated that \$1/2 million in additional savings will be achieved by advancing payment from June 1 to December 1, resulting in \$2,664,000 in total savings.

Chairman Dacey announced that the Board would hear anyone who might wish to be heard on advisability of the proposed financing.

Mr. Hal James of 305 Calico Drive, New Bern, spoke at the public hearing to commend the County for taking this action to save money for the taxpayers of Craven County. Chairman Dacey then announced the public hearing closed at 8:37 a.m.

Commissioner Dacey introduced the following resolution, the title of which was read and copies of which had been previously distributed to each Commissioner:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION
AND DELIVERY OF A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE
COUNTY'S INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT AND RELATED
DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the County of Craven, North Carolina (the "County") as follows:

Section 1. The Board does hereby find and determine as follows:

(a) In order to acquire, construct and equip certain capital improvements, the County entered into an Installment Purchase Contract, dated as of August 1, 2007 (the "Installment Purchase Contract"), between the County and Craven County Finance Corporation, a North Carolina nonprofit corporation (the "Corporation"), pursuant to which the Corporation provided financing to the County of amounts sufficient to finance the costs of such capital improvements, and the County agreed to repay such financing in installments, with interest (the "Installment Payments").

(b) The Corporation entered into an Indenture of Trust, dated as of August 1, 2007 (the "Original Indenture"), between the Corporation and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as original trustee, pursuant to which the Corporation may execute and deliver instruments evidencing proportionate and undivided interests in the right to receive certain Revenues (as defined in the Installment Purchase Contract), including the Installment Payments, pursuant to the Installment Purchase Contract, as supplemented from time to time. The Corporation has executed and delivered Certificates of Participation, Series 2007, dated August 22, 2007, in the outstanding principal amount of \$42,350,000 (the "2007 Certificates"), pursuant to the Original Indenture.

(c) In order to secure its obligations under the Installment Purchase Contract, the County executed and delivered a Deed of Trust and Security Agreement, dated as of August 1, 2007 (the "Deed of Trust"), granting a lien of record on the Craven County Judicial Center and Creekside Elementary School, both financed under the Installment Purchase Contract, together with all improvements and fixtures located thereon.

(d) Based upon current market conditions, the County can realize debt service savings though the refinancing of a portion of the Installment Payments under the Installment Purchase Contract, such refinancing to be accomplished through the refunding of all or a portion of the 2007 Certificates maturing on June 1, 2018, 2019, 2023 and 2027 (the "Refunded 2007 Certificates").

(e) After a public hearing and due consideration, the Board has determined to proceed at this time with the refinancing of all or a portion of the Refunded 2007 Certificates and to enter into a First Supplemental Installment Purchase Contract, to be dated as of April 1, 2013 (the "First Supplement" and, together with the Installment Purchase Contract, the "Contract"), with the Corporation to provide for financing thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000 to refinance all or a portion of the existing Installment Payments relating to the Refunded 2007 Certificates and to pay certain other costs associated therewith.

(f) In order to provide the amount to carry out the refunding, the Corporation will enter into a First Supplemental Indenture (the "First Supplemental Indenture" and, together with the Original Indenture, the "Indenture"), with Regions Bank, as successor trustee, pursuant to which the Corporation will execute and deliver a limited obligation bond (the "2013 Bond").

(f) In connection with the issuance of the 2013 Bond, the Corporation and the County propose to appoint Regions Bank as successor trustee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. under the Indenture.

(h) The County proposes to sell the 2013 Bond at private sale without advertisement to STI Institutional and Governmental, Inc. ("STING") pursuant to a proposal previously submitted to the County.

(i) There have been presented to the Board drafts of the following documents relating to the financing described above:

(1) the First Supplement;

(2) the First Supplemental Indenture, including a form of the 2013 Bond attached as Exhibit A thereto; and

(3) an Escrow Deposit Agreement, dated as of April 1, 2013 (the "Escrow Agreement"), between the County, the Corporation and Regions Bank, as escrow agent.

(j) The law firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP will serve as bond counsel to the County and BB&T Securities LLC will serve as financial advisor to the County in connection with the issuance of the 2013 Bond.

Section 2. In order to provide for the refinancing of the Installment Payments associated with the Refunded 2007 Certificates, the County is hereby authorized to enter into the First Supplement and to receive financing pursuant thereto in a principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000. The Corporation is hereby requested to enter into the First Supplement and the First Supplemental Indenture and to execute and deliver the 2013 Bond. The actual principal amount of the financing shall be determined by the County at the time of the sale of the 2013 Bond as described in Section 3 hereof. The amount of the financing shall be the amount that, in the best judgment of the Finance Director, shall be the amount necessary to provide sufficient funds, together with any other available funds, to pay (a) the costs of the refinancing of the Refunded 2007 Certificates and (b) the financing costs incurred in connection with the sale, execution and delivery of the 2013 Bond. As set forth in the proposal of STING, the rate of interest on the Installment Payments related to the 2013 Bond shall be 2.07% per annum (subject to adjustment as provided in the First Supplemental Indenture), such rate to reflect the interest rate borne by the 2013 Bond.

Section 3. The proposal of STING to purchase the 2013 Bond is hereby approved and the Chairman of the Board, the County Manager, the Finance Director and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute any bond purchase agreement or letter of representation required by the purchaser to purchase the 2013 Bond. The final maturity of the 2013 Bond shall not be later than December 31, 2027. The Board hereby ratifies and approves all action previously taken by the County, its officers and its employees in connection with the solicitation of proposals for purchasers for the 2013 Bond.

Section 4. The Board hereby approves the First Supplement and the Escrow Agreement in substantially the forms presented at this meeting. The Chairman of the Board, the County Manager and the Finance Director are each hereby authorized to execute and deliver the First Supplement and the Escrow Agreement on behalf of the County in substantially the forms presented at this meeting, containing such insertions, deletions and filling in of blanks as the person executing such documents shall approve, such execution to be conclusive evidence of approval by the County of any such changes. The Clerk to the Board or any assistant or deputy clerk is hereby authorized to affix the official seal of the County to said document and to attest the same to the extent required.

Section 5. The Board hereby approves the First Supplemental Indenture and the 2013 Bond in substantially the forms presented at this meeting.

Section 6. The Chairman of the Board, the County Manager, the Finance Director and the Clerk to the Board, and any other officers, agents and employees of the County, are hereby authorized and directed to deliver such certificates, opinions and other items of evidence as shall be deemed necessary to consummate the transactions described above, including, but not limited to, any documents necessary to appoint Regions Bank as successor trustee under the Indenture or escrow agent under the Escrow Agreement, amend or supplement the Deed of Trust, the Agency Agreement, dated as of August 1, 2007, between the County and the Craven County Board of Education, the Lease, dated as of August 1, 2007, between the County and Craven County Board of Education or to effect the prepayment of the Refunded 2007 Certificates or any documents that may be required by STING to consummate the transactions contemplated by this resolution.

Section 7. The Refunded 2007 Certificates shall be called for prepayment in the manner set forth in the Escrow Agreement or as otherwise directed by the Finance Director of the County.

Section 8. No deficiency judgment may be rendered against the County in any action for breach of any contractual obligation under the Contract and the taxing power of the County is not and may not be pledged directly or indirectly to secure any moneys due under the Contract.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, except that Section 7 of this resolution shall become effective only upon the execution and delivery of the 2013 Bond.

Commissioner Taylor moved to adopt the foregoing resolution and approve execution of the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Tyson thanked Mr. Hemphill for chasing down savings.

National Flood Insurance Rate Maps

At 9:05 a.m. the Board went into public hearing to receive input from citizens regarding the proposed changes in the National Flood Insurance Program Flood Insurance Rate Maps. Jason Frederick, Planner II, explained that the reason for the changes is due to Lenoir County updating their Flood Insurance Rate Maps and some of their map panels overlapping into Craven County. When the updated map panels overlap into an adjoining county, that county must recognize those map changes and reflect those changes in their Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Four firm grids are affected by the updated panels. The following citizens spoke:

1. *Hal James, 305 Calico Drive, New Bern*, feels a new website that was announced will be good to get information out to the public. He stated that he did not learn much from the presentation or the maps presented.

At 9:06 a.m. Commissioner Tyson moved to close the public hearing and to adopt the maps and ordinance amendments, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

NC OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET INITIATIVE

Ms. Tanya Roberts, Project Coordinator, spoke to the Board concerning North Carolina Operation Medicine Cabinet, a collaborative effort from across the state working toward a collaborative goal – ensuring the proper and safe disposal of medications. Part of the mission is bringing awareness to the issue. Ms. Roberts explained the aspects of the partnership and announced upcoming take-back events for turning in unused or expired medications.

Funding is required to meet the nominal cost for the take-back events, permanent drop boxes, and incineration fees. Incineration is the only acceptable means for total destruction with limited environmental impact.

HERB STOUT AWARD PRESENTATION

Tim Johnson, Director, Center for Geographic Information and Analysis, presented GIS employee, Sol Wuensch and Craven County with the 2013 Herb Stout Award, which officially honors the exemplary and visionary use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) by local governments in North Carolina. Mr. Wuensch, GIS Application Developer, was awarded the plaque at this year's North Carolina GIS Conference held February 7-8, 2013 at Raleigh Convention Center. Also present at the conference and contributing to the GIS effort was Lou Valenti, Craven County GIS Administrator. Craven County's award was based on the tools and procedures developed by Sol in coordination with Erin Burrige, Craven County Election Director, using GIS to identify voter addresses to be reassigned due to the 2011 redistricting of the state house, the national congressional and the board of education districts.

The award, in honor of former Wake County Commissioner, Herb Stout, reflects exemplary use of technology, which enhances services to citizens.

Sol Wuensch stated that his achievement was inspired by the vision of Erin Burrige and was supported by the guidance and leadership of Lou Valenti. It demonstrates that GIS can branch out and help more departments.

PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN

At the Board’s last meeting, a public hearing was held concerning proposed maps for Commissioners’ Districts. The Board discussed the proposed plan but did not vote. Commissioner Taylor moved to adopt Map #5.A., seconded by Commissioner Mark and carried with five (5) “ayes”, there being two (2) “nays” from Commissioners McCabe and Sampson. During discussion Commissioner Mark stated that those in attendance at the Little Swift Creek Fire Station Town Hall meeting which he held were all in agreement with the maps. Commissioner Sampson stated that he spoke with people who were confused with how the map was developed and that he could not go along with it. Commissioner McCabe commented that Hickman Hill was taken out of his district. Chairman Dacey stated that it is late in the timeline to bring the matter up for discussion. Commissioner Taylor stated that he had a Town Hall meeting in Cove City to discuss the proposed map changes affecting Districts 1 and 2. Those who voiced opposition at the public hearing were not in attendance and all who were there approved.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: FINANCE

Audit Contract

Mr. Hemphill reported that McGladrey & Pullen has submitted an arrangement letter and the annual audit contract for the June 30, 2013 audit for an amount of \$64,550. This is the amount agreed upon for the third year of a three year agreement. Commissioner Tyson moved to authorize the Chairman, County Manager, and Finance Officer to sign the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

Budget Amendments

Mr. Hemphill presented the following budget amendments for the Board’s approval.

Recreation & Parks

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-8001-336-02-00 Misc. Donations	\$6,000.00	101-8001-460-32-40 Other Supplies	\$6,000.00
TOTAL	\$6,000.00	TOTAL	\$6,000.00

Justification: This was a donation from Carolyn Whitehurst for the naming rights of the gazebo at the Nature Park.

Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the budget amendment, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Tax Collections

101-0000-301-01-00 Prop tax current year	\$8,180.00	101-0901-400-40-80 Tax management asc	\$8,180.00
TOTAL	\$8,180.00	TOTAL	\$8,180.00

Justification: Need to budget property tax revenue to cover current Tax Management Associates Inc invoices.

Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the budget amendment, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: PLANNING

Subdivision for Approval

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, presented the following subdivision for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Allen moved for its approval, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

Timothy G. Longley and wife Kay Longley – Final: The property, owned by William T. McDaniel and surveyed by Gaskins Land Surveying, P.A., is located within Twp. 9, off of NC Highway 55 West, Parcel ID 9-026-033. The subdivision contains 1 lot on 3.45 acres and is proposed to be served by County water and an individual septic system.

Road Addition Request

The Board received a request to adopt the standard SR2 road addition resolution, approving Neptune Court in Twp. 5 be turned over to the State of North Carolina for maintenance. Once passed, the resolution will be forwarded to NCDOT for their final consideration and acceptance of the road to the State Maintenance System. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the standard SR2 road addition resolution, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Tall Structures Ordinance

At the Board’s last meeting, a public hearing was held concerning a proposed Tall Structures Ordinance. A vote was taken; however the absence of Commissioner McCabe necessitated a second vote. During the discussion several questions were raised and staff was directed to seek additional input from industries that will be affected by this ordinance. County Manager, Jack Veit, asked that the matter be tabled to allow him to go back to the military and get more input. Commissioner Taylor moved to table the motion until April 1, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried. Commissioner Taylor moved to set a public hearing for that date, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: TAX

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

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
ABNEY, INVESTMENTS LLC DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0090352	\$29.32
ALEXANDER, RUDOLPH DID NOT OWN 1/1/2007	2007-0000541	\$161.16
ALEXANDER, RUDOLPH DID NOT OWN 1/1/2008	2008-0000560	\$195.44
ALEXANDER, RUDOLPH DID NOT OWN 1/1/2009	2009-0000557	\$175.98
ALEXANDER, RUDOLPH DID NOT OWN 1/1/2010	2010-0000558	\$132.31
ALEXANDER, RUDOLPH DID NOT OWN 1/1/2011	2011-0000583	\$118.33

ALEXANDER, RUDOLPH DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0000570	\$104.90
BROME, RODNEY LYNN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2008	2008-0005946	\$51.84
BROME, RODNEY LYNN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2009	2009-0005978	\$78.31
BROME, RODNEY LYNN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2010	2010-0005565	\$67.82
BROME, RODNEY LYNN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0006120	\$14.65
BRYANT, ELBERT JR DOUBLE BILLED - -SEE ACCT 85385	2012-0091695	\$198.98
BUYERS MARKET REALTY INC OUT OF BUSINESS IN 2011	2012-0090475	\$9.96
CHATHAM, JOHN ANTHONY & SAMA ½ MILITARY EXCLUSION	2012-0010238	\$19.10
EASTERN FLYING SERVICE INC OUT OF BUSINESS 2011	2012-0090646	\$600.09
GRAY, MARY H CREDIT TO CORRECT RECYCLE FEE	2013-0090017	\$12.00
HOPPER, NATIVIDAD B QUALIFIED FOR VETERAN EXCLUSION	2012-0027787	\$432.32
KUFFNER, WALTER & KUFFNER, MAR DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0032908	\$92.34
LIVINGSTON, RHONDA K DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 85251	2012-0090882	\$8.46
PHILLIPS, PRITCHARD J III DID NOT OWN BOAT 1/1/2012	2012-0045387	\$1,941.40
RAGSDALE, ISABELLE B OUT OF BUSINESS 9/15/2011	2012-0091077	\$68.50
	21 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$4,513.21
<i>Refunds</i>		
ABNEY INVESTMENTS LLC DID NOT OWN 1/1/2011	2011-0090199	\$31.05
BROME, RODNEY LYNN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2011	2011-0006119	\$15.28
GASKINS, WILLIAM EDWARD SR & DWELLING UNOCCUPIED SINCE 1995	2012-0021191	\$36.00
GRAY, SALLIE R DOUBLE BILLED MOBILE HOME/SAME ACCOUNT	2011-0091583	\$67.06

SAFLEY, JERRY JONATHAN & ADELA 2012-0050108	\$33.22
MILITARY EXEMPTION OF PERSONAL PROP	
SCHROEDER, TODD PATRICK 2011-0050914	\$47.26
VALUE ERROR CORRECTION	
6 –REFUND (\$)	\$229.87

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: SOCIAL SERVICES

Assistant Social Services Director, Alfreda Stout, presented the following budget amendments for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Allen moved for their approval, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

DSS 7221 Services

101-7221-349-22-00 \$1,264.00	101-7221-450-40-00	\$1,264.00
Serv Staff and Overhead	Contractual Services	
TOTAL \$1,264.00	TOTAL	\$1,264.00

Justification: Additional Family Caregiver funds given from the Division of Aging to be used for Adult Services in Home Program. Funds are 100% reimbursed (no county match required).

DSS 7295 Senior

101-0000-339-01-00 \$10,092.00	101-7295-450-32-29	\$7,195.00
Fund Balance	Donations – Meals	
	101-7295-450-32-31	\$2,297.00
	Donations – Senior	
TOTAL \$10,092.00	TOTAL	\$10,092.00

Justification: Roll forward unspent funds donated to the Senior Program and Meals Program in Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

DSS 7295 Senior

101-7295-336-39-00 \$1,500.00	101-7295-450-32-31	\$1,500.00
General Donations	Donation Senior	
TOTAL \$1,500.00	TOTAL	\$1,500.00

Justification: Increasing line items due to anticipated donations for current fiscal year.

DSS 7291

101-7291-349-42-00 \$190.00	101-7291-450-23-42	\$190.00
Share the Warmth	Share the Warmth	
TOTAL \$190.00	TOTAL	\$190.00

Justification: Additional funding authorizations for Share the Warmth. There is no County match. Funds are 100% state.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: HEALTH

Craven County Health Director, Scott Harrelson, presented the following budget amendment for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Allen moved for its approval, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Health/Communicable Disease

101-6302-352-01-00	\$4,165.00	101-6302-440-32-05	\$20,823.00
Comm Dis – 1 st party			
101-6302-353-03-00	\$4,165.00		
Comm Dis – 3 rd party			
101-6302-370-09-00	\$12,493.00		
Comm Dis – Medicaid			
TOTAL	\$20,823.00	TOTAL	\$20,823.00

Justification: Attached immunizations used to be State supplied by now the department is required to purchase vaccines and bill for the service. Revenue will be recouped because patient will either have to pay a flat rate for the vaccine or the dept can bill their insurance (and Medicaid) for reimbursement.

APPOINTMENTS

Pending Appointments

The following appointments to boards and committees have been deferred:

- Adult Care Home Advisory Committee
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
- New Bern Board of Adjustment, Extraterritorial Representative
- Craven Pamlico Carteret Regional Library
- EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Advisory Council
- Firemen’s Relief Fund Board of Trustees

Nursing Home Advisory Committee

At the February 4 meeting the Board made an appointment to replace Mr. Alvia Hearren, who had served more than 10 years. Brenda Moore, whose term also expired, was subsequently removed from the committee due to non-participation. Commissioner Mark requested an exception to the Board’s bylaws to allow that Mr. Hearren be reappointed for the balance of the year so that he may remain chairman and preserve the continuity of the committee. Other members are new and need to become seasoned. Commissioner Mark moved to appoint Alvia Hearren to replace Brenda Moore for the balance of the year, and to waive the one meeting waiting requirement, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

Fire Tax Commission

At the Board’s last meeting Howard Spence, Tommy Cowan, Sammy Lilly and Ronald Pate were nominated for appointment or reappointment. Commissioner Allen moved to ratify the appointments, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried.

Upcoming Appointments

The Board was apprised of expiring terms on the following boards and committees:

April

- Craven Aging Planning Board
- Firemen’s Relief Fund Board of Trustees
- Fire Tax Commissioners
- Nursing Home Advisory Committee
- Planning Board
- Agricultural Advisory Board

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner McCabe reported on the NACo Legislative Conference stating that more than 1,500 county officials were in attendance. He outlined topics that were the subject of several workshops. Concerning attendance at the North Carolina Caucus and NCBCO business meetings he urged surrounding counties to work collaboratively wherever possible and announced that a 7.8% cut in defense and 5% cut in Medicare were under discussion. He distributed NC County Commissioner License Plate Applications.

Commissioner Sampson commented on the high gas prices, along with rising prices of other commodities, and expressed thankfulness for fellow citizens who are willing to extend help when needed.

Commissioner Allen commented on his attendance at the Military Family of the Quarter recognition luncheon, where he presented the County's resolution.

Commissioner Taylor stated that he attended the Order of the Long Leaf Pine award to Eleanor Hawkins in Cove City. He made the following announcements:

- On March 14 he went to the State of the Region meeting and thinks that the County is doing right by trying to exit NC Eastern Region.
- On March 4 he attended Commissioner Mark's Town Hall meeting
- RKG Consultants are currently in town to discuss the Economic Development Strategic Plan.
- On March 20 there will be a blood drive at The Emerald Clubhouse from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- He stated that he does not recognize anonymous comments

Commissioner Tyson announced a public information hearing at Carolina Pines regarding proposed DOT improvements to the entrance of Carolina Pines.

Vice Chairman Mark stated that he is looking into the possibility, along with DOT, of improvement to the intersection leaving Food Lion in Bridgeton. He stated that the Governor supports Economic Development and infrastructure (Hwy. 70 & Hwy. 17) to get to ports. He stated that Town Hall meeting attendance is improving.

Chairman Dacey reported that he received the following Hospital Board nominations:

Board Members:	Norman Kellum and Charles Wetherington
Physician:	Steve Sides

He reappointed Norman Kellum (for continuity as Chairman) and appointed Patrick McCullough to replace Charles Wetherington.

He reported on a meeting with the Mayor and contingent from Havelock who traveled to Washington to meet with the Congressional delegation concerning matters related to the future of the military, and MCAS Cherry Point specifically.

He stated that a joint meeting with Havelock has been requested by the Mayor, and he announced a River Bend Town Hall meeting on March 28 from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

County Manager, Jack Veit, reported on a Hwy 70 Association meeting resolution request and stated that a Lenoir County representative will be available to come before the Board to speak about the request.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board was adjourned.

Chairman Scott C. Dacey
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board