

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, APRIL 1, 2013. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.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 Vice Chairman Mark and the Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman requested to add a Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation to the agenda after appointments. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the agenda, as amended, seconded by Commissioner Sampson. The minutes of March 18, 2013 regular session were approved without correction by Commissioner Mark, with a second by Commissioner McCabe.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TALL STRUCTURES ORDINANCE

A public hearing was scheduled for the purpose of receiving input from citizens regarding the proposed Craven County Tall Structures Ordinance. Landin Holland of Holland Consulting Planners highlighted changes in the original ordinance in the following sections:

- 1.3 – Applicability: Compliance and consistency with federal regulations;
- 1.4 – Location standards providing for an exception of less than 500 feet with green screening; minimum lot size to be dictated by set-back, as opposed to arbitrary acreage;
- 1.10 – Approval to be valid for 24 months from approval; afterwards it will be null, but an application for extension may be filed;
- 1.13 – Penalties for failure to comply with decommissioning requirements;
- 1.14 – Submittal of preliminary approval by another state or federal agency may be accepted for consideration;
- 1.16 – modified definition of structure height;
- 1.15 – “Approval by Craven County Board of Commissioners is required” as opposed to “must approve”

At 7:17 p.m. the Board was declared in public hearing. The following citizens spoke:

1. *Hal James, 305 Calico Drive, New Bern*, stated that it sounds like the Planning Board will make decisions inappropriately, that should be Board of Commissioners' decisions.
2. *Bud Stilley, 208 Bridgepointe Drive, New Bern*, stated his concern that approval must comply with comments of the military. He feels that the community needs to be business friendly as well as military friendly and he doesn't agree with the Board delegating the

decision making to someone that the citizens didn't elect. He also has concerns about the requirement of the annual bond and feels the Board should table the vote until after an April 24 symposium which may provide additional insights.

3. *Zach Taylor, 3529 Country Club Road, Trent Woods*, stated that the ordinance has gone far afield of the original intent. He commented that in paragraph 1.9 it states that abandoned structure declared after 180 days of non-use. No time limit for review by the Board, Planning Board and Military. "Height" needs to be clarified. Non-objecting Landowner should be considered "Participating Landowners".

The Chairman introduced a letter by Havelock Mayor, Jimmy Sanders, in support of the ordinance.

At 7:30 p.m. the public hearing was declared closed and it was the consensus of the Board to table the ordinance.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Dr. Robert Holmes, 4003 Trent Pines Drive, Trent Woods, addressed the Board concerning fracking, expressing opposition, and cautioned that the practice needs to be scrutinized more carefully before consideration is given to introducing it in eastern North Carolina.

Rev. Ray Griffin, spoke to the Board advocating the return of prayer and the Ten Commandments to schools.

Tanya Roberts, 106 Rollingwood Drive, New Bern, spoke about the National Healthcare Decisions Day panel event in New Bern, being sponsored in collaboration with CarolinaEast and several others. She requested a proclamation and the Board deferred consideration until "Commissioners Reports".

FACILITIES MATTERS

EOC-911 Project Revision

Assistant County Manager of Operations/Facilities, Gene Hodges, advised the Board that the construction of the EOC-911 project has started and the project is progressing. Prior to the beginning of construction, County staff, Charles Francis, and the construction manager with Brydge and Lee met with Court officials and courthouse security staff to discuss the project and conduct a final plan review. At that time Superior Court Judge Alford and Clerk of Court, Terri Sharp, requested a space in this area that can be used as a jury pool room. The EOC space was initially considered for this function; however, it became apparent that the amount of occupancy needed by the courts for this space would greatly limit the use of this area as training space when not in use as an active EOC. At the request of staff, Mr. Francis designed space separate from the EOC which can be used as a jury pool room. Mr. Hodges presented a copy of the original drawing that the Board has seen previously and a drawing of the redesigned space. The estimate to make this change is \$13,000. Judge Alford and Clerk of Court Sharp have stated that the proposed space will meet their needs. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the new design and have a budget amendment prepared for the next meeting, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Disposition of 509 Broad Street

Mr. Hodges requested that the Board consider the disposition of the building at 509 Broad Street, which has not been occupied since the probation, parole, and guardian ad litem offices moved into the St. Luke's Building in 2011. He explained that the building, originally built in 1943 as a Federal Works Agency project, is not ADA compliant, is not built to be energy efficient and has asbestos and lead concerns that would need to be abated prior to any new occupancy or reuse. The current cost to maintain the building is approximately \$25,000 per year with the utilities being \$400-\$650 per month. The building's insurance value is at \$400,000, while preparing it for occupancy is estimated at \$350,000-\$400,000.

Mr. Hodges presented the following three options for consideration:

1. Put the building up for sale “as is”.
2. Demolish the building and sell the property as a potential downtown parking area (demolition costs are estimated at \$75,000-\$85,000 due to lead and asbestos issues)
3. Maintain the building and perform repairs (there are over \$14,000 in roof repairs needed at this time)

Commissioner Tyson moved to establish a sub-committee to study the issue, with the Chairman selecting its members. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: CONVENTION CENTER

Rental Rates

Convention Center Director, Mary Harris, presented a competitive analysis of Convention Center rates. Based on this analysis, she recommended the following rate schedule for approval.

2014 RENTAL RATES

Room	Daily Rental Rate	Proposed Rate
Colonial Capital Ballroom (A,B,& C)	\$2,755	\$3,000
Ballroom A	\$1,375	\$1,650
Ballroom B	\$ 825	\$ 975
Ballroom C	\$ 700	\$ 850
Tryon Room (A and B)	\$ 600	\$ 700
Tryon Room A	\$ 380	\$ 400
Tryon Room B	\$ 300	\$ 300
Berne Room	\$ 500	\$ 600
Craven Board Room	\$ 250	\$ 250
Heritage Hall	\$ 550	\$ 550
Promenade	\$ 250	\$ 265
Riverfront Veranda	\$ 500	\$ 525
Entire Facility	\$4,660	\$5,100

Policy: A complete listing of booking policies and priorities is enclosed.

Rental rates reflect initial set-up and dismantle of in-house equipment including tables and chairs. All other equipment and changes in the initial set-up will be billed at the prevailing rates.

A linen fee will be applied to final bill.

Space rental rates include an 8 hour shift for personnel. Additional charges may be applied for groups with extended hours. All signed contracts require a minimal 50% deposit to be considered definite. The remaining space rental balance is due one week prior to the date of the event.

Insurance coverage, as required per contract, should stipulate the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center, County of Craven, their officers, directors, agents, and employees be named as additional insured.

Move-in/move-out rates are one-half the rate shown.

Standard banquets utilizing the space for 4 hours or more are one-half the rental rate shown with a food minimum for the following rooms; \$2,000 spent on food in Ballroom B or Ballroom C, \$3,000 spent on food in Ballroom A or Ballroom B & C together, \$5,000 spent on food in the entire colonial Capital Ballroom.

Holiday rates may be subject to additional labor charges for holiday personnel.

The New Bern Riverfront Convention Center estimates an increase in daily rental rates for 2015 and beyond.

The NBRFCC holds all NC ABC permits and has bar pricing available upon request.

Ms. Harris stated that the proposed rates will still be competitive with other facilities in the market.

Commissioner Mark moved to approve the proposed rate structure, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: PLANNING

Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, announced that the County has received a grant from the State Hazard Mitigation Program, which will be used to establish a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan in conjunction with Carteret, Pamlico, Beaufort, and Hyde counties, along with participating municipalities within the named counties. A Hazard Mitigation Plan is required to be in place in order to receive post-disaster recovery funds. Craven County will serve as the lead agency for this project. The total grant amount is \$80,000 and is comprised of both federal (75%) and State (25%) matching funds. No County funds are required. Commissioner Sampson moved to authorize the designated agents to sign the grant agreement and to authorize the Chairman to execute a contract with a consultant once the Regional Mitigation Advisory Committee has recommended and agreed on a firm to write the plan. Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: DSS

Budget Amendment

The Department of Social Services is requesting additional funding authorizations for Share the Warmth. There is no County match and funds are 100% state. Commissioner Mark moved to approve the following budget amendment, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

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REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-7291-349-42-00 Share the Warmth	\$103.00	101-7291-450-23-42 Share the Warmth	\$103.00
TOTAL	\$103.00	TOTAL	\$103.00

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

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: TAX

Tax Releases and Refunds

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

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
BANKS, HATTIE M FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2010-0002486	\$197.00
BANKS, HATTIE M FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2011-0002737	\$182.36

BANKS, HATTIE M FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2012-0002721	\$163.77
BROOKS, DANIEL E FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2009-0006690	\$42.79
BROOKS, DANIEL E FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2010-0006197	\$45.21
BROOKS, DANIEL E FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2011-0006830	\$41.85
COLORADO, ADRIAN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0011568	\$42.98
DAVIS, THELMA R DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2008	2012-0014332	\$74.52
GCO MINERALS COMPANY DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0021339	\$934.51
MILLER, CHARLILLIE FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2010-0035322	\$228.20
MILLER, CHARLILLIE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2011-0039330	\$211.28
MILLER, CHARLILLIE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2012-0039226	\$190.23
PENUELAS-MORALES, FLOR ZOBAYDA DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 78741	2012-0090317	\$124.05
PURSER, GARLAND FRANKLIN JR VALUE CORRECTION PER BILL OF SALE	2013-0090027	\$264.72
	14 – CREDIT MEMO(S)	\$2,743.47

Refunds

DAVIS, THELMA & RHEM, JAMES DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2008	2012-0014328	\$36.00
DAVIS, THELMA R DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2008	2012-0014330	\$36.00
DAVIS, THELMA R DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2008	2012-0014331	\$36.00
DAVIS, THELMA R DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2008	2012-0014334	\$36.00
DAVIS, THELMA R DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2008	2012-0014337	\$36.00
DAVIS, THELMA R DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2008	2012-0014340	\$36.00
DAVIS, THELMA R DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2008	2012-0014342	\$36.00

DAVIS, THELMA R DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2008	2012-0014339	\$36.00
	8 – REFUND (S)	\$288.00

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: FINANCE

Application for Public School Capital Building Fund

Assistant County Manager for Finance/Administration, Rick Hemphill, presented an application used each year to draw down Craven County’s portion of Lottery funds, which pay school debt service. He advised the Commissioners that the application was previously approved by the Board of Education. Commissioner Mark moved to approve the application, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Budget Amendments

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

Planning

101-4031-366-50-00 \$8,732.00 Transfer from Project	101-4031-430-76-38 Repetitive Flood Claim	\$8,732.00
101-4001-366-50-00 \$1,951.00 Transfer from Project	101-4001-430-15-37 Haz Mit Plan Update (To be held for future projects)	\$1,951.00
	278-4080-430-97-01 To General Fund	\$(2,380.00)
	278-4080-430-97-40 To Water Fund	\$2,380.00
TOTAL \$10,683.00	TOTAL	\$10,683.00

Justification: Had received \$50,000 NCDOT funds and budgeted in CDBG FY 10 Contingency Infrastructure CDBG#: 10-C-2220. Of the funds, \$13,063 was to be transferred to other supporting departments/projects. Have now determined the transfer to be \$8,732 (close-out and anything additional will be on the owner) to Repetitive Flood Claims Elevation project; \$1,951(held in escrow to offset future needs) to Haz Mitigation Plan update and \$2,380 to reimburse Water Dept for invoice paid for inspection of line of Pine Cliff Rd. Commissioner McCabe moved to approve the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

At 8:40 p.m. Commissioner Tyson moved to recess, seconded by Commissioner Mark.

At 8:50 the Board returned to regular session.

Water Ops/Castle Hayne Aquifer

422-0000-366-18-00 \$(2,954,239.00) From Water fund	422-4526-475-76-70 Administration	\$60,291.00
422-0000-380-00-00 \$ 3,014,530.00 Loan Proceeds		
TOTAL \$60,291.00	TOTAL	\$60,291.00

Justification: For Castle Hayne Aquifer Project, need to budget loan proceeds, administration cost of design phase and reduction of transfer from water operating fund.

**Castle Hayne Aquifer
Fund 422**

This ordinance is hereby amended in the following amounts for expenditures to the Castle Hayne Aquifer Project.

Expenditures:

<i>Test Wells</i>	
Chemical/Lab Analysis	\$ 4,800.00
Contractual Services	\$ 31,600.00
Engineering	\$ 34,200.00
Construction	\$ 101,640.00
<i>Pre-Design/Site</i>	
Postage	\$ 248.00
Utilities	\$ 9,100.00
Contractual Services	\$ 408,440.00
Capital Outlay-Equipment	\$ 902.00
Land	\$ 736,926.00
Engineering	\$ 3,922.00
Engineering – McKim Creed	\$ 335,520.00
Sitework	\$ 2,399.00
<i>Design Phase</i>	
Contractual Services	\$ 1,095.00
Engineering – McKim Creed	\$ 3,453,700.00
Contingency	\$ 61,658.00
Administration	\$ 60,291.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,246,441.00

The following revenues are hereby amended for the Castle Hayne Aquifer Project.

Revenue:

Interest	\$ 330.00
Transfer from Water Reserve	\$ 2,231,581.00
Loan Proceeds	\$ 3,014,530.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,246,441.00

This ordinance is hereby amended this 1st day of April, 2013.

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

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, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Health/Risk Reduction/Healthy Communities

101-6700-349-04-00	\$12,479.00	101-6700-440-73-02	\$12,479.00
State Funds		Other Improvements	
TOTAL	\$12,479.00	TOTAL	\$12,479.00

Justification: Recently CCHD learned of \$12,479 of additional healthy community funds which can be used for improving facilities and increasing access to facilities. According to the most recent County Health Rankings, Craven is below the state and national average for access to facilities for physical activity. There is a short time frame to expend these funds and the department would like to assist the Craven County Parks and Recreation department with developing a sand volleyball facility at Creekside Park which could be used for adult and youth

volleyball leagues; something that the County currently does not have in the area. The funds could be coupled with money from the Bates Foundation and other funds to construct the facilities.

Preparedness Coordinator MOU Draft

Mr. Harrelson proposed taking a portion of Craven County's preparedness funding to pay for half of the cost of the preparedness coordinator hired by the Wayne County Health Department. The employee would be a half time employee housed in Craven County. They would help Craven County Health Department meet the criteria laid out for the preparedness response through agreement addenda with the state. This will enable one employee to focus on preparedness and response rather than having multiple job duties. Commissioner Sampson moved to accept the MOU Draft, which will be in the form of a contract rather than a M.O.U, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Pending Appointments

Adult Care Home Advisory Committee

It was the consensus of the Board to defer these appointments, there being no applications on file.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Chairman Dacey announced that he will have a nominee at the Board's next meeting to replace Juvenile Defense Attorney, Mike Barnhill.

New Bern Board of Adjustment, Extraterritorial Representative

The County has exceeded the 90 days allowed to make this appointment to fill the vacancy created by Starlin Beatty. There are currently no applications on file. The City of New Bern will actively search for an appointee.

Craven Pamlico Carteret Regional Library

A new vacancy was created in the new contract for appointment to a fourth seat by the County. Commissioner Taylor announced that he has identified Lynn Gonzalez and is awaiting her application.

EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Advisory Council

The Board was previously advised of the expiring terms of Crystal Davis, Jonathan Gaskins, Ian Jose, Elizabeth Melvin and Sarah Rakowski. At the last meeting of the Board, Crystal Davis and Ian Jose were reappointed. The Board sought to determine if the others whose terms are expiring are interested in continuing. The Emergency Services Department has indicated that Jonathan Gaskins and Sarah Rakowski are still the captains of their squads and are able to continue serving; however, Elizabeth Melvin is no longer captain and needs to be replaced. An application will be forthcoming. These appointments were deferred.

Fire Tax Commissioners

Chairman Dacey moved to appoint Donald Dunn to replace Steve Redd and Tim Harvey to replace Mike Lucas on the Fire Tax Commission, and to waive the one meeting waiting requirement, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried. Commissioner Tyson moved to appoint Jackie Mckinney to replace Alton Riggs and Shep Carroll to replace Reuben Earl Hart and to waive the one meeting waiting requirement, seconded by Chairman Dacey and unanimously carried. Commissioner Allen moved to reappoint Craig Arthur to the Fire Tax Commission, and waive the one meeting waiting requirement, seconded by Commissioner Dacey and unanimously carried.

Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees

Commissioner Mark moved to reappoint Robert Blaylock, John Harrell and Matthew Spirko to the Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees and to waive the one meeting waiting requirement, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried. Commissioner Tyson moved to appoint Oswald Thomas Chance to replace Graham Williams and to waive the one meeting waiting requirement, seconded by Chairman Dacey and unanimously carried. The Board deferred consideration of a reappointment or appointment to the expiring term of Milton Everette, pending receipt of an application or indication that Mr. Everette wishes to continue.

Craven Aging Planning Board

Commissioner Allen moved to appoint Joanne Celinski to replace Lisa Smith on the Craven Aging Planning Board and to waive the one meeting waiting requirement, seconded by Chairman Dacey and unanimously carried.

Nursing Home Advisory Committee

The Board was advised of the expiring term of Earley Toon on the Nursing Home Advisory Committee. Commissioner Sampson stated that he will check with Mr. Toon to see if he wishes to continue serving. It was the consensus of the Board to defer this appointment.

Planning Board

Commissioner Allen moved to appoint David Rink to the Craven County Planning Board and to waive the one meeting waiting requirement, seconded by Chairman Dacey and unanimously carried.

Agricultural Advisory Committee

Commissioner Tyson moved to reappoint James, Arthur, Glen Ipock, David Parker, Carl Turner and Wyatt Whitford to the Agricultural Advisory Committee and to waive the one meeting waiting requirement, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

Craven County Health Board

The Board was advised of the resignation of Christie Orientale on the Craven County Health Board. Commissioner Allen moved to appoint Dr. Eric Wheelis and to waive the one meeting waiting requirement, seconded by Chairman Dacey and unanimously carried.

Highway 70 Corridor Committee

Consideration of an appointment to replace Mike Avery was deferred.

Down East RPO

Appointments to replace Sabrina Bengel and Victor Taylor as municipal representative and alternate, due to New Bern's coming out of the RPO, were deferred. Municipal elected officials will be sought from municipalities not participating in the New Bern MPO.

Carolina East Medical Center

The Chairman introduced a recommendation from Carolina East Medical Center for appointment of Patrick McCullough to replace Charles Wetherington, and indicated his acceptance of the nomination.

Upcoming Appointments

The Board was apprised of the following upcoming appointments to boards and committees:

May

- Craven Aging Planning Board
- Nursing Home Advisory Committee
- Zoning Board

June

- Craven Community College
- Eastern Carolina Council
- Social Services Board
- Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board
- Regional Aging Advisory Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Airport Authority

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Mark moved for adoption of the following proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

***CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
PROCLAMATION***

WHEREAS, children are vital to our future success, prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, children are at the same time our most valuable resources and our most vulnerable assets; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have safe, stable, nurturing and healthy homes and communities that foster their wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect have far reaching effects on a community, with impacts on the community's responsibility towards its children and the community's current and future quality of life; and

WHEREAS, successful child abuse prevention strategies are the result of partnerships among a variety of community stakeholders such as citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Craven County, North Carolina, does hereby proclaim April 2013, as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Craven County, North Carolina and calls upon the citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse and to strengthen the communities in which we live.

Signed this 3rd day of April 2013.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager, Jack Veit, reminded the Board of the following upcoming events:

1. April 24 - NCACC District Meeting
2. May 22 – County Assembly Day
3. April 15 - Annual Update at Cooperative Extension

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Sampson moved to adopt the following proclamation honoring National Health Care Decision Day, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried.

Healthcare Decisions Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, *Healthcare Decisions Day* is designed to raise public awareness of the need to plan ahead for health care decisions, related to end of life care and medical decision-making whenever patients are unable to speak for themselves and to encourage the specific use of advance directives to communicate these important health care decisions; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, the N.C.G.S. 90-320-322 and 32A-15 provides the specifics of our advance directives law and offers a model form for patient use; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that only about 20 percent of people in North Carolina have executed an advance directive. Moreover, it is estimated that less than 50 percent of severely or terminally ill patients have an advance directive; and

WHEREAS, it is likely that a significant reason for these low percentages is that there is both a lack of knowledge and considerable confusion in the public about Advance Directives; and

WHEREAS, one of the principal goals of *Healthcare Decisions Day* is to encourage hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, continuing care retirement communities, and hospices to participate in a State-wide effort to provide clear and consistent information to the public about advance directives, as well as to encourage medical professionals and lawyers to volunteer their time and efforts to improve public knowledge and increase the number of North Carolina citizens with advance directives; and

WHEREAS, organizations throughout North Carolina have endorsed this event and are committed to educating the public about the importance of discussing health care choices and executing advance directives; and

WHEREAS, as a result of April 16, 2013, being recognized as *Healthcare Decisions Day* in North Carolina, more citizens will have conversations about their health care decisions; more citizens will execute Advance Directives to make their wishes known; and fewer families and health care providers will have to struggle with making difficult health care decisions in the absence of guidance from the patient;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott C. Dacey, on behalf of the Craven County Commissioners, do hereby recognize April 16, 2013, as **HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY** in Craven County, North Carolina, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

Adopted the 1st day of April, 2013.

He explained that he was wearing a tie that says "Jesus" in observance of Resurrection Day. He commented that gas prices have gone down \$.07-\$.08.

Commissioner Allen read the Preamble to the Constitution of North Carolina.

Commissioner Taylor announced that he will be in Cove City to review water drainage and DOT issues. He stated that he will be in Dover on April 2 at 7:00 p.m. and will hold a Town Hall meeting Thursday April 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cove City Library. He announced that Early College East students in Havelock will be traveling to Germany on April 5 for the world's largest industrial exhibition. Citizens can follow their journey on You Tube and Twitter. He stated that he will be serving at Religious Community Services on Sunday April 14 at 12:30 p.m.

Commissioner Tyson stated that he is happy to have citizen input for the Tall Structures Ordinance because it shows that people are exercising their civic responsibility.

Chairman Dacey announced that 18 people attended the River Bend Town Hall meeting last week. He distributed proposed amendments to the Tall Structures Ordinance for the Board's review.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:50 p.m. Commissioner Mark moved to go into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Allen, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (3) & (6) to discuss a personnel matter.

At 10:10 the Board returned to regular session, with no action to report.

At 10:15 p.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

Chairman Scott C. Dacey
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board