

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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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 Commissioner McCabe and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Mark moved for approval of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried. Commissioner Mark moved to approve the minutes of August 19, 2013, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Raynor James, 305 Calico Drive, addressed the Board concerning Extraterritorial Jurisdiction and encouraged holding a public hearing before approving a Highway 70 East Commercial Corridor being contemplated. She feels that sewer upgrade is a good benefit to all, but asked that the County does not encourage the City of New Bern to establish an ETJ in that area because citizens would be under a jurisdiction and property rights subjected to officials, none of whom represent them.

Ray Griffin, Vanceboro, spoke about government without faith, consisting of arrogance, ignorance and greed.

ABC BOARD PRESENTATION

Charles Collins, Chairman of the ABC Board, accompanied by Esther Patterson, Finance Officer and Donna Rouse, presented a check in the amount of \$502,470.16 to the County, along with a copy of the audit report. He attributed the ABC Board's success again this year to the managerial staff and employees. The Chairman thanked Mr. Collins for his leadership of the ABC Board.

RECOGNITIONS

Chairman's Privilege

The Chairman acknowledged Commissioner Lee Kyle Allen, who was earlier recognized by the National Association of Local Boards of Health for service in the field of public health, with the 2013 President's Award.

Military Family of the Quarter

The Board received a request to adopt the following resolution, honoring the family of First Lieutenant Richard Salchow, as Military Family of the Quarter.

Commissioner Taylor will attend a recognition luncheon on Thursday, September 12, at the New Bern Golf and Country Club, in their honor. Commissioner Tyson moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE FAMILY
OF FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD SALCHOW
AS MILITARY FAMILY OF THE QUARTER**

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Richard Salchow is an active duty Marine stationed on Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, NC, working with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Marine Headquarters 2; and

WHEREAS, 1stLt. Salchow completed his Logistics Officer Course in Jacksonville, NC, and was transferred to Marine Logistics Squadron 14, being designated as the S-4/Embarkation Officer; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2012, 1stLt. Salchow was accepted as the Aide-de-camp for the Commanding General of 2nd Marine Aircraft Forward and deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; however, a medical condition forced him to return to MCAS Cherry Point and he currently serves as the Aide-de-camp for Commanding General of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member with the Knights of Columbus, Habitat for Humanity and St. Paul's Catholic Church, devoting many volunteer hours helping in fundraising events; and

WHEREAS, his personal awards include the Navy Achievement Medal; and

WHEREAS, 1stLt. Salchow's wife, Colleen Salchow, also volunteers her counseling services for the Religious Catholic Services at St. Paul's Parish and works as a fourth grade teacher at St. Paul's Catholic School in New Bern; and

WHEREAS, the Salchow's have one son, Daniel Salchow.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, recognizes the family of First Lieutenant Richard Salchow for their strong dedication to the United States Marine Corps and their selfless contributions to their community and church, which have greatly enriched the lives of many.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS congratulates them on being selected Military Family of the Quarter.

Adopted this 3rd day of September, 2013.

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO U.S. ARMED FORCES

The Highway 70 Corridor Commission requested that the Board adopt the following resolution in recognition of U.S. Armed Forces. Commissioner Tyson moved for adoption of the resolution, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION
TO THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**

Whereas, eastern North Carolina is the home of six major Department of Defense (DOD)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS) installations: Coast Guard Station, Elizabeth City; Fort Bragg; Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point; Marine Corps Air Station New River; Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune; and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, as well as the North Carolina National Guard and other DOD/DHS activities and organizations; and

Whereas, the United States military is the second largest sector of the State of North Carolina's economy, accounting for 8% of North Carolina's gross State product, worth \$23.4 billion, and more than 416,000 individuals are either directly employed by the military or working in jobs providing goods or services that support the military's presence in North Carolina; and

Whereas, defense procurement contracts in North Carolina exceeded \$4.1 billion in 2011, and businesses with defense-related contracts operate in 87 of North Carolina's 100 counties; and

Whereas, the continued long-term military presence in North Carolina is directly dependent on DOD/DHS's ability to operate not only its installations but also its training and other readiness functions critical to national defense; and

Whereas, it is therefore of paramount importance to the future of North Carolina to maintain the best possible relationship with all branches of the United States military and to promote practices that maintain North Carolina's preeminent position as the best location for military bases and training installations; and

Whereas, North Carolina has a vested economic interest in the preservation and enhancement of land uses that are compatible with military activities.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Craven County Board of Commissioners: The Craven County Board of Commissioners expresses its profound gratitude and support to the United States Armed Forces for their continued presence in eastern North Carolina and the positive impacts they have on our communities.

Adopted this 3rd day of September, 2013.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: TAX RELEASES

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

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
ARBYS RESTAURANT GROUP INC CORRECTED VALUATION	2013-0001471	\$103.08
BANKS, HATTIE M FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0002680	\$47.92
BENJAMIN, WILLIAM FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0004259	\$503.00
BIZZELL, BETTIE RUTH FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0004843	\$244.76
BROOKS, DANIEL E FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0006764	\$61.43
CARTER, CLAUDIE FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0009311	\$149.18
CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES INC FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0010404	\$621.55
COUTE, SCOTT DOUGLAS DID NOT OWN 1/1/2010	2010-0011254	\$100.86
COUTE, SCOTT DOUGLAS DID NOT OWN 1/1/2011	2011-0012432	\$91.23
COUTE, SCOTT DOUGLAS DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0012312	\$81.64

DILLAHUNT, MICHAEL HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0014765	\$194.91
DURHAM, LILLIE FAYE ET AL FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0016121	\$890.15
ELLISON, PAUL FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0016971	\$59.10
FLOWERS, CLARENCE JASPER JR FORELCOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0018508	\$17.55
FORNES, LESTER E FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0018847	\$128.05
GARDNER, ALEXANDER B SR FORELCOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0019952	\$192.46
HARPER, LENORA DOUBLE BILLED/SEE ACCT 86884	2011-0091586	\$391.28
HARPER, LENORA DOUBLE BILLED/SEE ACCT 86884	2012-0024883	\$382.02
HARPER, LENORA DOUBLE BILLED/SEE ACCT 86884	2012-0091442	\$138.23
HATCH, EDNA FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0024656	\$26.33
HEADLEE, RODNEY BOAT NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY	2012-0091649	\$1,289.62
JACKSON, MARY M FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0028323	\$30.45
JONES, CHARLES L & ORA B FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0029419	\$46.77
LITTLETON, BEN FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0033579	\$74.59
LOVETTE, WILLIE L HEIRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0033955	\$52.65
MILLER, CHARLILLIE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0037745	\$310.13
MOORE, DEBRA & CORBIN, SEAN FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0038759	\$46.07
NOLAN, MELINDA FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0041193	\$12.46
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EXEMPT PROPERTY	2013-0041398	\$6.94
RHODES, CARROL J FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0046049	\$74.59

RHODES, HAYWOOD HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0046060	\$67.93
SIMMONS, MORRIS & SUSIE FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0049949	\$50.36
SIMMONS, MORRIS & SUSIE FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0049947	\$74.59
SIMS, MARY & ALEXANDER J FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0050106	\$47.92
SPRUELL, HORACE LEE HEIRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0051568	\$300.66
SWINDELL, GEORGE & HELEN FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0053255	\$50.95
TAYLOR, FRANK M JR FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0053690	\$23.08
TAYLOR, FRANK M JR FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0053689	\$23.08
VAILES, MELISSA S FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0056277	\$269.59
VINES, WILLIAM H SR FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0056670	\$31.50
	40 – CREDIT MEMO(S)	\$7,308.66

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: DSS BUDGET AMENDMENT

Assistant DSS Director, Alfreda Stout, presented the following budget amendment for funding received from Duke Energy for Duke Energy Progress customers. There is no County match required. Commissioner Mark moved to approve the following budget amendment, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

DSS 7291 Mandated

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-7291-346-09-00 Duke/Progress	\$76,149.00	101-7291-450-23-02 Energy Duke/Progress	\$76,149.00
TOTAL	\$76,149.00	TOTAL	\$76,149.00

Justification: Duke Energy Progress North Carolina Merger Settlement Funds one time contribution received from North Carolina Community Foundation to provide energy assistance to low-income customers of Duke Energy Progress in Craven County. There is no County match.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: CARTS PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST

Terry Jordan, Craven County CARTS Director, requested to set a public hearing on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. to allow for public comments on the ROAP (Rural Operating Assistance Program) funding, which is required by NCDOT. The public hearing notice will be advertised to the general public at a minimum of seven days prior to the meeting.

The FY 2014 ROAP funding will be utilized in provision of services through CARTS to the residents of Craven County. The grant includes funding for the: EDTAP(Elderly and Disabled

Transportation Assistance Program), EMPL(Employment Program) and RGP (Rural General Public) transportation services. The ROAP funding is in the amount of \$244,070, which is a 9% increase over last year. Commissioner Tyson moved to set a public hearing for September 16, at 8:30 a.m., as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST

Per the requirements of General Statutes 157-7.1, Economic Development Director, Timothy Downs, requested to set a public hearing on September 16, 2013 at 8:30 a.m., relative to the sale of real property in the industrial park to American Eagle Manufacturing for the purpose of industrial expansion and job creation. Commissioner Sampson moved to set a public hearing for September 16 at 8:30 a.m., as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: PLANNING – SUBDIVISIONS FOR APPROVAL

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, presented the following subdivisions, which were recommended by the Planning Board for the Board's final approval. Commissioner Mark moved for their approval, as recommended, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Mary Helen Jones Division Ph. 1 – Final: The property, owned by Mary Helen Jones and surveyed by Herbert J. Nobles, Jr., is located within Twp. 7 off of Brices Creek Rd. (SR 1004); parcel ID 7-103-043. The subdivision contains 1 lot on .91 acres and is proposed to be served by County water and an existing individual septic system.

Hughes Family Farm Ph. 2 – Final: The property, owned by Donald and Becky Hughes and surveyed by Kendall Gaskins, is located within Twp. 1 off of Cow Pen Landing Rd. (SR 1441); parcel ID 1-048-043. The subdivision contains 1 lot on 3.22 acres and is proposed to be served by County water and an individual septic system.

John & Linda Thurston – Final: The property, owned by William and Stanley Sutton and surveyed by Kendall Gaskins, is located within Twp. 1 off River Rd. (SR 1400); parcel ID 1-057-034. The subdivision contains 1 lot on 2.48 acres and is proposed to be served by County water and an individual septic system.

Craven County Industrial Park Lot 30 Division – Final: The property, owned by Craven County and surveyed by Robert M. Chiles, P.E., is located within Twp. 8 off Corporate Ln. (SR 1371); parcel ID 8-217-5004. The division contains 2 lots on 8.06 acres and is proposed to be served by City water and sewer.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: WATER – REVOLVING LOAN FUND APPLICATION

The Board received a request to adopt the following resolution regarding submitting an application to the State for the revolving loan relating to the water treatment plant construction. Commissioner Sampson moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF APPLICANT

WHEREAS, The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 and the North Carolina Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of drinking water system improvements, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Craven County has need for and intends to construct a drinking water system project described as water treatment plant, wells, and distribution system to replace capacity lost as a result of the Capacity Use rules for the Black Creek Aquifer, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Craven County intends to request state loan assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CRAVEN COUNTY:

That Craven County, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan award.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of Craven County to make scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from Craven County any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Jack Veit, Craven County Manager, the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a loan to aid in the construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 3rd day of September, 2013 at New Bern, North Carolina.

CERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Clerk to the Board of the Craven County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Craven County duly held on the 3rd day of September, 2013; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ____ day of _____, 20__.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: FINANCE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Assistant County Manager, 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.

Fire Special Service Districts/Water Dept.

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0560-377-38-00 Grant FEMA	\$40,050.00	101-0567-410-97-80 Transfer Fire Districts	\$19,290.00
		101-0567-400-97-81 Transfer Water	\$21,760.00
243-0000-366-51-00 Hurricane Irene costs	\$ 4,397.00	243-2900-410-96-80 Special Approp pay to District	\$ 4,397.00
244-0000-366-51-00 Ft. Barnwell Hurricane Irene Costs	\$ 1,396.00	243-2903-410-96-80 Special Approp pay to District	\$ 1,396.00
245-0000-366-51-00 Twp. 5 Hurricane Irene Costs	\$ 7,901.00	245-2900-410-96-80 Special Approp pay to District	\$ 7,901.00
249-0000-366-51-00 Twp. 9 Hurricane Irene Costs	\$ 4,596.00	249-2900-410-96-80 Special Approp pay to District	\$ 4,596.00
401-0000-366-00-00 Transfer	\$21,760.00	401-4500-475-73-50 C/O Reserve	\$21,760.00
TOTAL	\$80,100.00	TOTAL	80,100.00

Justification: Transfer funds to Fire Departments and Water Department for Hurricane Irene damages.

Fire Departments – Multiple

240-0000-399-00-00 Rhems	\$ 65.00	240-2900-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$ 65.00
241-0000-399-00-00 Vanceboro	\$130.00	241-2900-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$130.00
242-0000-399-00-00 Tri-Community	\$ 65.00	242-2900-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$ 65.00
243-0000-399-00-00 Little Swift Creek	\$195.00	243-2900-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$195.00
244-0000-399-00-00 Dover	\$325.00	244-2902-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$325.00
246-0000-399-00-00 #6 Township	\$260.00	246-2900-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$260.00
247-0000-399-00-00 #7 Township	\$455.00	247-2900-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$455.00
248-0000-399-00-00 West New Bern	\$195.00	248-2900-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$195.00
249-0000-399-00-00 Twp #9	\$650.00	249-2900-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$650.00
TOTAL	\$2,340.00	TOTAL	\$2,340.00

Justification: To cover shortage of Fire Departments Workers Compensation line item for VFIS invoice dated 8/14/13 in the amount of \$72,247.50.

Convention Center

101-8201-369-36-00 TDA	\$15,963.00	101-8201-430-27-00 Advertising	\$15,963.00
TOTAL	\$15,963.00	TOTAL	\$15,963.00

Justification: Monies appropriated for the Advertising/Marketing of Craven County – Outdoor Billboard Campaign.

Convention Center

101-8201-369-36-00	\$15,037.00	101-8201-430-27-00	\$15,037.00
TDA		Advertising	
TOTAL	\$15,037.00	TOTAL	\$15,037.00

Justification: Additional monies appropriated for the Advertising/Marketing of Craven County – Outdoor Billboard Campaign.

APPOINTMENTS

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

- Firemen’s Relief Fund Board of Trustees
- Nursing Home Advisory Committee
- Regional Aging Advisory Committee

EMS Advisory Council

Commissioner Mark moved to appoint Crystal Tew to replace Richard Crumbacher on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, and to waive the one meeting waiting requirement. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

It was the consensus of the Board that appointments to this board be deferred.

Upcoming Appointments

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

October

- Firemen’s Relief Fund Board of Trustees
- Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Offer to Purchase Real Property – 4296 River Road (#1-048-14003)

County Attorney, Jim Hicks, presented an offer received from Lester Fornes in the amount of \$2,100 for the property at 4296 River Road, which was acquired through a tax foreclosure on May 6, 2013. The total taxes and costs that were foreclosed on were \$2,145.35. The tax value is \$26,000; and the property does not have public access frontage.

Mr. Fornes was the owner of the property at the time of foreclosure. He indicated that he did not know about the foreclosure action until after its conclusion; however, he was served with the complaint by certified mail, which was signed, and was also sent numerous additional pleadings and notices to his correct address. The County Attorney confirmed that the certified mail was received and signed by Mr. Fornes.

Commissioner Tyson moved to accept the offer, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried.

The property will be advertised for upset bids in accordance with General Statutes. Once no further upset bids are timely received, the County may accept or reject the final offer.

Offer to Purchase Real Property – Off of Ferry Road (#5-003-091)

The County Attorney presented a previously received offer from John and Patricia DeStefano in the amount of \$2,500.00 for property located off of Ferry Road, which was acquired through a tax foreclosure in 2005. The offer was tentatively accepted by the Board on July 1, 2013, and the offer was advertised for upset bids; no upset bids were received.

Commissioner Tyson moved to accept the offer, seconded by Commissioner Mark and carried unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT

Board of Election’s Director

County Manager, Jack Veit, introduced Meloni Wray, the new Board of Election’s Director.

Redistricting Update

Mr. Veit updated the Board on the status of the County’s redistricting plan. He stated that the Board has two options. They can hold another public hearing and then ratify it; or they can ratify it and approve the plan at this time. Commissioner Allen moved to hold another public hearing on September 16, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. and entertain a motion to ratify it afterwards, if there are no changes, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Recreation and Parks Budget Amendment

Mr. Veit presented a request for part of an \$80,000 grant request with Pitt, Carteret and Greene Counties to update the Recreation Master Plan and to approve a budget amendment to accept \$20,000 from Pitt County. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the budget amendment, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and carried with four (4) “ayes”, there being three (3) “nays” from Commissioners Dacey, Mark and Tyson.

Recreation

101-8001-369-37-00	\$20,000.00	101-8001-460-40-00	\$20,000.00
Pitt County		Contractual Services	
TOTAL	\$20,000.00	TOTAL	\$20,000.00

Justification: Budget the acceptance of \$20,000 from Pitt County Health Dept to update the Recreation master plan.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Commissioner McCabe announced that he attended the NCACC Conference and an awards program held by NCABCO, where youth were recognized. He attended a session by Will Allen on going green and stated that he advocates local foods and cooperation with farmers.

Commissioner Sampson commented on rising gas, oil and parts prices and stating that these increases are hurting the public. He stated that the public needs to continue talking about it. He thanked volunteers who came out to a back-to-school event at Craven Terrace to help with the children’s activities and school supply donations. He praised volunteers and commented on the community garden in Duffyfield.

Commissioner Allen reported on the NCACC Conference and announced that Ray Jeffers, Pearson County, is the new President, Ronnie Beale, Macon County, is First Vice President; and Glen Webb, Pitt County, is Second Vice President. He stated that networking with colleagues is one of the benefits of attending. He also announced that he is now a great grandfather.

Commissioner Taylor expressed thanks to Cooperative Extension, especially Mike Carroll, for organizing recent farm tours for the Board. He announced that on August 29 Cooperative Extension held a meeting on estate planning for the transfer of farmlands. He also announced

that on Sunday, September 8, he will be at RCS from 12:30-5:00. On September 11 from 9:30-3:00 a Blood Drive will be held at the Emerald Golf and Country Club.

Commissioner Mark announced a Highway 70 Corridor Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 10 in Raleigh and that he will hold a Town Hall meeting in Bridgeton on Tuesday evening.

Chairman Dacey commented on a meeting with Havelock colleagues held on August 19 to discuss Havelock concerns. He hopes to continue with the opportunity created to find common ground. He announced that the ECBH Board has been restructured, effective October 1, since the size has decreased and there are not enough positions for each county board to have one of its members represented. Membership is chosen by lottery and Craven County was not chosen. A number of positions for professional representation in various categories have been added.

At 8:20 p.m. Commissioner McCabe moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

Scott C. Dacey, Chairman
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board