

**AGENDA
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014
8:30 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2014 REGULAR SESSION AND MARCH 17, 2014 RECONVENED SESSION

1. FARMERS' MARKET FINANCIAL IMPACT BRIEFING: Joe Hunt, President
2. JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY-15: Jennifer Knight, Chair
3. NURSING HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL ON REVISED BYLAWS: Alvia Hearren, Chairman and Angelia Pridgen, Ombudsman

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

4. SOCIAL SERVICES – FAMILY CAREGIVER BUDGET AMENDMENT: Kent Flowers, Social Services Director and Alfreda Stout, Deputy Director
5. TAX – RELEASES AND REFUNDS: Ronnie Antry, Tax Administrator
6. HEALTH: Scott Harrelson, Health Director
 - A. Home Health Timeline and Request for Public Notice
 - B. Hospice House Financial Update
7. EMERGENCY SERVICES – SECOND VOTE ON GRANTING FRANCHISE: Stanley Kite, Emergency Services Director
8. ASSISTANT MANAGER – HARLOWE CANAL TREE SNAGGING PROJECT BID AWARD: Gene Hodges

9. RESOLUTION FOR WW II COASTWISE MERCHANT MARINERS: CHAIRMAN MARK
10. APPOINTMENTS
 - A. Pending
 - B. Current
 - C. Upcoming
11. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Jim Hicks
12. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: Jack Veit
13. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

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 21, 2014. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Jack B. Veit III, County Manager
Gene Hodges, Assistant County Manager – Operations/Facilities
Rick Hemphill, Assistant County Manager – Finance/Administration
Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
Jim Hicks, County Attorney
Aaron Arnette, County Attorney Associate

Following an invocation by Commissioner Taylor and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Taylor moved to amend the agenda by adding a closed session to discuss Economic Development. Commissioner Dacey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2014 regular session and March 17, 2014 reconvened session, seconded by Commissioner Dacey and unanimously carried.

FARMERS' MARKET FINANCIAL IMPACT BRIEFING

Farmers' Market President, Joe Hunt, made a visual presentation concerning the economic impact of the market, stating that there were 173 vendors registered in 2012, with an average on a single Saturday of 90 vendors. The average number of shoppers per market is 1800-2000. The projected revenue is \$1.8M per year inside the market and the projected annual revenue is \$4.5M in the surrounding downtown area, as shoppers generally remain downtown for additional shopping and dining.

Commissioner Dacey stated that the data suggests the market may need more space, and he asked if there is any movement in that direction. Mr. Hunt responded that they are reviewing expanding in the rear of the market, but cannot make the investment unless they have a longer lease term than five years. The City of New Bern owns the property. Commissioner Taylor asked if they are planning for a long term future or just meeting the current need. Mr. Hunt responded that they are looking for long term needs, but they also need more produce vendors. Many of them are from out of the County and there is an effort to encourage more local produce vendors. He stated that the Board of Farmers' Market would be happy to meet with Vice Chairman Taylor and Chairman Mark, as they have already been involved in a local foods initiative with Cooperative Extension.

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) FUNDING
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY-15**

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Chair, Jennifer Knight, presented the recommended funding allocations for FY 14-15, as follows:

Needed Programs	Program	Current Funding	Request 14-15	Recommendation
Community Day-Structured Day Reporting	Area Day Reporting Ctr	\$131,923.00	\$139,356.00	\$130,888.00
Community Service/Restitution	Juvenile Restitution Prog	\$ 61,669.00	\$ 62,918.00	\$ 61,669.00
Teen Court Services	Teen Court	\$ 59,564.00	\$ 85,263.00	\$ 59,564.00
JCPC Administrative Funds		\$ 1,414.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,449.00
TOTALS		\$254,570.00	\$288,737.00	\$254,570.00

Ms. Knight commented that they are working with Barbara Lee to establish a case manager position at the Structured Day Reporting Center to assess and identify resources for youth referred to the program. She explained that the proposed increase in the administration line is to consider agency requests for salary increases if supporting justification is in order. If no raises are given, there would be a budget amendment brought to the Board of Commissioners to reallocate funds to programming.

Commissioner Sampson moved to accept the report, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried. Final funding approval will be considered with the FY 14-15 County budget.

Commissioner Taylor stated that he would like more information on the impact of the programs, the number of clients served and how much money goes to staffing and administration. Ms. Knight stated that Robert Keeter will provide this information for FY 12-13 and the first half of FY 13-14.

NURSING HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED BYLAWS

Nursing Home Advisory Committee Chairman, Alvia Hearren, presented its annual report. The Committee currently consists of five members, with one being unable to participate due to illness. Additional appointees are desperately needed to maintain the statutory minimum for the committee. He introduced the new Chairman, Deborah Shannon, and Secretary, Linda Lelli.

Ms. Lelli stressed that it would be especially desirable to have more men serving who could relate better to male residents during the visits to nursing homes. She presented minor amendments to the Nursing Home Advisory Committee By-Laws, changing the beginning of their quarterly cycle from March to January. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the amended bylaws, seconded by Commissioner Sampson. Commissioner Dacey stated that the Board of Commissioners must have the authority to modify the bylaws, since they have the authority to approve them, and he presented the following proposed amendments and moved to amend the motion for approval to include Amendment #1 below, seconded by Commissioner Mark.

Amendment #1

Article II – General Rules

On the third line, after the word “Committee” insert a “ “, delete the word “whether” and capitalize the word “Absence”

Amendment #2

Article II – General Rules

At the end of subsection insert the following: “However, in no instance shall an absence of an unscheduled meeting, as provided for under Article III, be considered an unexcused absence.”

During discussion, Ms. Lelli stated that the Nursing Home Advisory Committee will take the recommended amendments to its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, April 23 and return to the

Commissioners for final approval of the document. The amended motion by Commissioner Dacey and the main motion by Commissioner Taylor were withdrawn.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: SOCIAL SERVICES – FAMILY CAREGIVER BUDGET AMENDMENT

At the Board’s last meeting, a request to approve the following budget amendment was deferred pending additional information. Social Services Director, Kent Flowers and Deputy Director, Alfreda Stout, presented clarification and addressed the Board’s questions.

Ms. Stout explained that group respite provides respite for caregivers who must give round the clock attention to the personal needs of patients being cared for at home. Adult Day Care, in contrast, is five day a week service, which is available through a private provider, who plans to eventually add a 6th day for respite care. Respite care provides a few hours for the caregiver to attend his or her own needs, whereas, adult day care is a higher level of care. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the following budget amendment, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

DSS 7221 & 7295

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-7221-349-22-00 Adult Services Staff and Overhead	\$23,616.00	101-7221-450-39-40 Family Caregiver Supplies	\$ 250.00
		101-7295-450-40-00 Contractual Services	\$ 1,000.00
		101-7295-450-39-42 Family Caregiver Respite	\$22,366.00
TOTAL	\$23,616.00	TOTAL	\$23,616.00

Justification: Amending budget to reflect correct original allocation plus additional Family Caregiver funding received from the Area Agency on Aging. Original budgeted estimated amount was \$10,000 in Contractual Services and \$750 in Supplemental. The original Family Caregiver allocation came in at \$26,366 for a difference of \$15,616. An additional \$8,000 is being awarded, bringing the total to add to the budget to \$23,616. A small portion of these funds will be placed into Family Caregiver Supplemental, another small portion into In Home Contractual for Family Caregiver clients, and the remaining into Family Caregiver group respite. There is no County match.

At 9:55 a.m. N.C. House Representative, Mike Speciale, who was in attendance, was called upon to share updates with the Board and discuss concerns.

Commissioner Allen asked Mr. Speciale if he has any idea of what Common Core Legislation will be available. Representative Speciale responded that the goal is to eliminate Common Core.

Commissioner Tyson asked Mr. Speciale if he has any idea about revenue projections for the upcoming budget year, and Representative Speciale responded that he did not.

Chairman Mark shared concerns about more favorable changes in transportation funding.

Commissioner Sampson commented on problems with logging companies damaging non state-maintained roads and asked if there are any State remedies available. Representative Speciale stated that it has not been considered, but the issue can be examined. It is most likely a private contractual or litigation issue.

Commissioner Dacey thanked Representative Speciale for his leadership in getting back \$1.5M to the County from North Carolina’s Eastern Region. He asked that a local bill which the County may be seeking regarding water fowl hunting regulations be considered in the short session.

County Manager, Jack Veit, presented the following concerns:

- E-911 funds being controlled by 911 Commission removes County's control of its own money
- Retention of lottery funds by the state impacts debt that was entered based on receipt of lottery funds according to the intended formula
- The County's ownership of foreclosed subdivision properties requires payment of POA fees. Legislative relief is being requested for a remedy.

Representative Speciale responded that the percentage of lottery proceeds allocated to schools is being addressed on a year-to-year basis.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: TAX – RELEASES AND REFUNDS

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, presented the following 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
DIXON, DANIEL A & MELISSA H DID NOT OWN 1/1/2013	2013-0090485	\$60.86
DOUTHIT, SHEILA HOPE RELEASED TO JONES COUNTY	2013-0015355	\$7.07
FORTUNA, JIM & JODY BOAT NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2013-0095475	\$462.53
GRAHAM, HUNTER C MILITARY EXEMPTION	2013-0092351	\$9.30
KEITH, PAUL D II & CRISTINA L MILITARY EXEMPTION	2012-0031538	\$13.64
OLALDE, MARTIN DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 91492	2008-0091309	\$75.73
OLALDE, MARTIN DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 91492	2009-0042794	\$70.45
OLALDE, MARTIN DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 91492	2010-0039088	\$61.04
OLALDE, MARTIN DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 91492	2011-0043508	\$56.08
OLALDE, MARTIN DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 91492	2012-0043413	\$51.42
OLALDE, MARTIN DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 91492	2013-0093011	\$47.14
PIERRE, NICOLE DID NOT OWN 1/1/2013	2013-0095112	\$111.27
SKINNER, R L & JEAN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2013	2013-0050242	\$32.75

13 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$1,059.28
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Refunds

PEARSON, SAMMIE DURELL & JOAN VETERAN EXCLUSION ERROR CORRECTION	2012-0044741	\$94.11
PEARSON, SAMMIE DURELL & JOAN VETERAN EXCLUSION ERROR CORRECTION	2013-0043008	\$93.66
SKINNER, R L & JEAN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2010	2010-0047163	\$17.98
SKINNER, R L & JEAN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2011	2011-0052430	\$16.41
SKINNER, R L & JEAN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0052377	\$16.31
WETHERINGTON, GLORIA WIGGINS APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0092126	\$162.22

6 – REFUND (S)	\$400.69
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DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: HEALTH*Home Health Timeline and Request for Notice*

The Board was requested to authorize the publication of a notice of intent to sell its home health operation. Craven County Health Director, Scott Harrelson, advised the Board on the following recommended timeline for putting the process in place:

- April 21 - the BOC will authorize the publication of a notice of intent to sell its home health
- April 23 or 24 - the notice of intent will run in the *Sun Journal*
- May 5 - the BOC will adopt a resolution declaring its intent to sell
- May 7 or 8 - the notice of the public hearing will run in the *Sun Journal*
- June 2 - Public hearing on the resolution of intent.

Commissioner Sampson moved to authorize publication of the following notice of intent, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

CRAVEN COUNTY**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Intent to Sell the
Craven County Home Health Agency

The Craven County Board of Commissioners announces it will consider a Resolution Declaring its Intent to Sell the Craven County Home Health Agency, pursuant to N.C. Gen.Stat. Sec. 131E-13, at its regular meeting on May 5, 2014, or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard. The meeting will be held in the Craven County Board of Commissioners' Room, Craven County Administration Building, 406 Craven Street, New Bern, North Carolina. Questions or inquiries should be directed to Jack Veit, Craven County Manager.

Hospice House Financial Update

Mr. Harrelson provided a financial update on the Hospice House project. He stated that a 10% profit margin is anticipated on a 6-12 bed facility. Commissioner Tyson requested an updated budget spreadsheet. Mr. Harrelson stated that new staffers would be required for supervisory capacity. Overall direction and staffing will be provided by existing Health and Social Services staff. He reported an increase from 47 days to 68 days in the facility and a census increase from 20-50, with the inclusion of a palliative care component as a result of studying best practices in other successful operations. The Commissioners requested more information and agreed to address the matter in a work session during budget deliberations. The Board will invite the Health Director back in for discussion at that time.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: EMERGENCY SERVICES – SECOND VOTE ON GRANTING FRANCHISE

At its last meeting the Board voted to revoke the franchise of Coastline Care and grant a franchise to Friendly Medical Transportation, LLC. A second vote was required. Commissioner Taylor moved to ratify the Board’s action taken on April 7, revoking and granting the franchise, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: ASSISTANT MANAGER – HARLOWE CANAL TREE SNAGGING PROJECT BID AWARD

In accordance with a 1985 resolution by the Craven County Board of Commissioners, whereby an agreement was entered to partner with Carteret County to clean out Harlowe Canal and to accept responsibility for future periodic maintenance of the canal. Chad Strawn, Assistant Planning Director, and Patrick Baker, Natural Resource Conservationist, issued a request for proposals. They received 3 bids ranging from \$2,499 to \$31,400, as follows:

ACTUAL BID (TABULATED)	CONTRACTOR	COMMENTS
\$2,499.00	David Layne	Three references provided
\$31,400.00	TRC Construction	No References
\$3,749.00	J & J Environmental	Used contractor on Swift Creek Project. References on file

Staff recommended that the project be awarded to the lowest bidder, David Layne. Commissioner McCabe moved to approve the following budget amendment, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Budget Amendment

Soil and Water Conservation (4104)

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$2,499.00	101-4104-420-40-00 Contractual Services	\$2,499.00
TOTAL	\$2,499.00	TOTAL	\$2,499.00

Mr. Hodges stated that trees along the banks that are in imminent danger of falling into the water will be cut. Commissioner McCabe suggested removal of the trees be done when the waterline is low to allow more complete removal. Mr. Veit recommended doing maintenance annually to minimize cost and to include this as a budget line item.

RESOLUTION FOR WORLD WAR II COASTWISE MERCHANT MARINERS

The Chairman received a request from Don Horton for adoption of the following resolution. Commissioner McCabe moved to approve the resolution, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried

A RESOLUTION OF THE NC CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING HR 1288 “WW II MERCHANT MARINERS SERVICE ACT”

Whereas, Public Laws 95-202 and 105-368 bestowed veterans status on US Merchant Marine Seamen of WWII; and

Whereas, between 250,000 to 280,000 merchant seamen served during WW II and yet only **about 91,000** seamen have been recognized as veterans for their service, to date. Now, about 30,000 Coastwise Merchant seamen, who served gallantly, may be unable to gain recognition as veterans because of the required documentation having been destroyed or denied. Those denials, partly due to age, sex or physical disability are now referred to as discrimination. Women were denied recognition from the very beginning of WW II; and

Whereas, the denial of these required documents came about through specific government orders and actions that may have resulted in female mariners, school children working during school breaks and elderly handicapped seamen being unable to qualify as veterans; and

Whereas, the average age of the remaining seamen is above 90 years of age and the ranks of the WW II US veteran is shrinking at an average of 1000 per year causing time to be of the essence. There are less than 10,000 WW II merchant seamen (overall) remaining. Less than 400 coastwise seamen are alive that is associated with this bill. Time is of the essence; and

Whereas, the Craven County Board of Commissioners has supported resolutions, entitled “Alternative Methods of Recognition for Veteran Status for Merchant Marine Seamen of WW II” in previous congressional sessions to correct this inconceivable action; and

Whereas, that resolution, along with many others from various bi-partisan party factions and petitions and letters from citizens and state officials that, collectively, represented all 100 counties of North Carolina, has resulted in the bill HR 1288, “WW II Merchant Mariners Service Act” that has been incorporated into HR 2189 which passed the house on a 404 to 1 vote; and

Whereas, the Craven County Board Commissioners therefore requests that immediate action be taken to correct this travesty and have these Coastwise Merchant seamen recognized for their service to our country, providing closure to a long standing obligation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners supports HR 1288 “WW II Merchant Mariners Service Act” and so orders that this Resolution be sent to Senator Richard Burr and Senator Kay Hagen for this matter to be placed into action before the US Senate in such form as a companion bill to HR 1288, with their full support, to ensure expedient passage, leading to law, before this all become history.

Adopted this 21st day of April, 2014

APPOINTMENTS

Nursing Home Advisory Committee

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

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Commissioner Sampson moved to appoint Ashton Craft as a youth representative on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Upcoming Appointments

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

April

- Highway 70 Corridor Committee (additional member) – There has been no response from the City of New Bern yet.

May

- Craven Community College
- Craven Community Child Protection Team
- CarolinaEast Medical Center: These appointments are made by the Chairman from a list of nominees provided by the hospital. The Chairman has received a list from the hospital that he will take into consideration
- EMS Advisory Council

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Water System Easements – Charles and Amanda Oakley Property (Parcel Number 6-213-K-091)

County Attorney, Jim Hicks, advised the Board that the County, City of New Bern, and Oakleys have tentatively agreed to exchange, and create, certain easements upon the Oakleys property in the Stately Pines Subdivision for the new water system project, as follows:

1. The Oakleys will grant the City of New Bern two new permanent easements on the Oakley property (Tract D and E);
2. The City will surrender an existing but unused easement on the Oakley property (Tract C); and the County will consent to the same, as the County also has certain subsequently assigned rights in these easements;
3. The City will grant the county the right to use its new easements (Tract D and E), as well as a new easement on City property (Tract F); and,
4. The County will purchase a temporary easement for a work/staging area from the Oakleys for \$5,000 (Temporary Construction Area). The easement will terminate after 2 years.

Commissioner McCabe moved to approve the following resolutions and accept accompanying documents as itemized, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

1. County's Resolution

CRAVEN COUNTY**RESOLUTIONS**

WHEREAS, Craven County is undertaking a 3 MGD (future capacity 5 MGD) potable water nanofiltration water treatment plant, with a groundwater intake from the Lower Castle Hayne Aquifer (hereinafter "Project"), which Project requires obtaining certain easements more particularly described below; and,

WHEREAS, Charles Oakley and wife Amanda Oakley (hereinafter "Oakleys") are the owners of that certain tract or parcel of land bearing Tax Parcel Identification Numbers 6-213-K-091, which parcel is more particularly described in that deed recorded in Deed Book 2753 at Page 901 in the Craven County Registry (hereinafter "Real Property"); and,

WHEREAS, the City of New Bern (hereinafter "City") is the owner of a certain utility easement located upon the Real Property, more particularly identified as Tract C in that certain map entitled "20' Utility Easement Survey on the Lands of Charles Oakley and wife Amanda Oakley For Craven County Water Treatment Plant Project", prepared by McKim & Creed, dated June 18, 2013, Project Number 01082-0028, and recorded in Plat Cabinet I, Slide 38F in the Craven County Registry (hereinafter "Survey"), which Survey is incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, upon the request of Craven County in relation to the Project, and to improve the effectiveness of the use of the Real Property for the intended purposes of its utility

easements, the City has agreed to relocate its utility easements upon the Real Property, and to accomplish the same, desires to exchange its interest in Tract C as shown on the Survey (hereinafter "Old Easement") with new utility easements over Tracts D and E as shown on the Survey (hereinafter "New Easements"); and,

WHEREAS, Craven County has certain rights in the Old Easement assigned to it by the City, and has requested this exchange of interests in the Real Property whereby it may utilize the New Easements, and has agreed to the exchange of interests in the Real Property identified herein; and,

WHEREAS, Craven County desires to acquire a temporary utility easement from the Oakleys, as the same is identified in the Survey (hereinafter "Temporary Easement").

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Craven County as follows:

1. The County accepts a non-exclusive right to use said New Easements from the City, as well as a second utility easement in Tract F as shown on the Survey.
2. The County hereby releases any and all rights it may have in the Old Easement.
3. The County shall reimburse the City in relation to all expenses incurred by the City in relation to the purposes of this Resolution, including but not limited to document preparation, advertising costs, and recording fees.
4. The County shall pay the sum of \$5,000 to the Oakleys for the Temporary Easement, which easement shall be for a period of two years from the date of recording.
5. All of the actions authorized herein are contingent upon the City of New Bern and the Oakleys taking similar actions, and agreeing to all of the terms and conditions contained herein.
6. That the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Manager, Clerk, Finance Officer and other appropriate Officers be and are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents, and do whatever is necessary, to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

ADOPTED on this 21st day of April, 2014.

2. City of New Bern Permanent Deed of Easement
3. City of New Bern Deed of Release Easement
4. County's Deed of Release of Easement
5. City of New Bern Resolution to Exchange Interests in Real Property
6. Temporary Deed of Easement

Duck Hunting Laws

In response to a citizen's concern about the adequacy of duck hunting laws in Craven County expressed at the Board's last meeting, County Attorney, Jim Hicks, was directed to research the issue and has prepared a draft using the local act for Carteret and Pamlico Counties as a template. Mr. Hicks stated that although a public hearing is not required, it is highly recommended. Commissioner Tyson stated his concerns regarding the proposed 500 yard perimeter and the potential ability of one property owner to block the entire waterway. Commissioner Taylor moved to set a public hearing for May 5 at 7:00 p.m., as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Dacey and unanimously carried.

Subdivision Firearm Request Update

Mr. Hicks updated the Board on his findings relative to a request for regulating discharge of firearms in the Cherry Branch subdivision. He advised the Board that the State's authority is broad. The County can regulate the place, time and manner of activity. He stated that writing and enforcement of such an ordinance would be difficult, citing challenges with the County's Noise Ordinance. There was no further action directed by the Board.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Hunter's Ridge Phase 6 Roads

At the last meeting of the Board, Commissioner Tyson shared concerns of Hunter's Ridge Phase 6 residents about subdivision roads not being brought to a standard by the developer to make them eligible to be turned over to the state system for maintenance. County Manager, Jack Veit, reported that other counties face this problem. At a recent NCACC District meeting, several options were discussed with colleagues from other counties who are seeking alternatives for holding developers accountable. Commissioner Allen commented that the Board has addressed this issue before with Neuse Harbour Subdivision by borrowing funds for the road upgrades and imposing an assessment on residents which became liens against real property.

Statewide Mobility

Mr. Veit reported that the James City Flyover received the highest scores in the Statewide Mobility Study. Economic competitiveness, accessibility, safety and congestion were the most heavily weighted factors.

Consultant Services for Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow (ACT)

Mr. Veit announced that he has worked closely with County Attorney, Jim Hicks, and Commissioners Dacey and Mark to determine needs relative to ACT Consultant services. Five vital components to services required are federal liaison, state liaison, county involvement, legal services and marketing. The County will serve as a conduit between the funding source and ACT.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Allen reported on a candidates' forum that he attended on April 10. He heard several comments that Craven County has a good Board now. He reminded citizens to vote in the May 6 primary.

Commissioner Tyson commented on ranking and priority of the Highway 70 project in James City. The projection is that traffic in that area will come close to doubling in the next 20 years.

Commissioner Dacey reported that on April 10 the ACT Board met and received reports from Marketing and Membership committees, and worked on the budget. They will be soliciting local businesses that benefit from a relationship with Cherry Point to help fund the effort. He reported his attendance at a "Less Means More" event on April 11 at the Farmers Market with Bridgeton Elementary School students. Mr. Dacey also reported on an Airport Authority meeting held on April 15. He stated that enplanements are down by 10% due to bad weather earlier in the year in Atlanta. He commented that there were no attendees at his most recent Town Hall meeting held at the Administration Building.

Commissioner McCabe reported on his attendance at an Earth Day celebration with Roger R. Bell students. He stated that \$3.77 is being charged for regular gas in his area.

Commissioner Sampson reported on his attendance at an RCS volunteer event in Trent Woods. He commented on his visit to the new Walmart store, which will have cheaper gas and hopefully drive down neighboring gas prices. He stated that the costs of car repairs, tires and groceries have all increased. He thanked County staff and volunteers for their service.

Commissioner Taylor reported on the following events:

- April 8 - participated with a Religious Community Services (RCS) event and worked with RCS during their Easter Brunch for 300 people
- April 9 – Civilian Military Community Council met and toured the Flight Readiness East (FRE) facility
- April 10 - attended the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) District meeting

- April 15 - visited the Cove City Library and was able to get them to turn over \$2,000 for computers
- April 16 – met with Cove City Mayor and Dover representative regarding getting some medical services in that end of the County.
- Will be attending NCACC Economic Development Symposium in Raleigh next week.

Chairman Mark reported on his attendance at the NCACC District Meeting, where he discussed Craven County's priorities, including Cherry Point and restoration of lottery funds distribution.

CLOSED SESSION

At 11:30 a.m. Commissioner McCabe moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss economic development.

At 12:00 p.m. the Board returned to regular session, with no action to report.

Commissioner McCabe moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Chairman Thomas F. Mark
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board