

**AGENDA
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2014 RECONVENED SESSION AND JUNE 16, 2014 REGULAR SESSION

1. PUBLIC HEARING: PAMLICO SOUND REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
2. PUBLIC HEARING: SALE OF HOME HEALTH AGENCY
3. PETITIONS OF CITIZENS
4. TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CONTRACT RENEWAL:
Rick Hemphill, Assistant County Manager, Finance/Administration

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

5. TAX – RELEASES AND REFUNDS: Ronnie Antry, Tax Administrator
6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – REQUEST TO SET PUBLIC HARING:
Timothy Downs, Economic Development Director
7. CRAVEN AREA RURAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (CARTS) – REQUEST
FOR RESOLUTION: Gene Hodges, Interim Director
8. HEALTH – BUDGET AMENDMENT: Scott Harrelson, Health Director
9. PLANNING – SUBDIVISION FOR APPROVAL: Don Baumgardner, Planning
Director
10. FINANCE – BUDGET AMENDMENT: Rick Hemphill, Assistant County Manager,
Finance/Administration

11. APPOINTMENTS
12. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Jim Hicks
13. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: Jack Veit
14. 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 JULY 7, 2014. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.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
Amber Parker, Human Resources Director
Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
Jim Hicks, County Attorney

Following an invocation by Commissioner McCabe and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the minutes of June 16, 2014 regular session and the reconvened session of June 11, 2014, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

CHAIRMAN'S PRIVILEGE

Chairman Mark thanked County staff and Emergency Services partners for preparedness during Hurricane Arthur, and thanked citizens for heeding the warnings.

PUBLIC HEARING: PAMLICO SOUND REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

A public hearing was held for the purpose of discussing the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and to receive public comments. The plan was made available for public review on the County's website for two weeks prior to the public hearing.

At 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to go into public hearing, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously.

Landin Holland of Holland Consulting Planners prefaced the speakers, explaining requirements instituted by the State in the wake of Hurricane Fran, to mitigate or take action to reduce or eliminate long term risk to life and property from natural disasters. Currently there are eleven funded elevations in the County, four in process and ten more applications to file. Having a plan is a prerequisite to success in getting these funded. He anticipates the draft will be finalized by August and hopes for adoption by December. The plan encompasses Craven, Beaufort, Carteret, Hyde and Pamlico Counties, including their municipalities.

The following citizen spoke:

1. *Mr. Hal James, 305 Calico Drive, New Bern*, on behalf of the Coastal Carolina Taxpayer's Association, spoke against the strategy, stating that the United States Constitution does not give FEMA the authority to mandate the County's process. He stated that the document had been difficult to access on the website and to comprehend as he attempted to preview it.

At 7:17 p.m. Commissioner McCabe moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: SALE OF HOME HEALTH AGENCY

The Board went into public hearing, as advertised, to receive public comment on the County's intent to sell its Home Health Agency. Bids were made available for viewing in the County Manager's Office and on the County's website for two weeks prior to the public hearing. Craven County Health Director, Scott Harrelson, presented a spreadsheet demonstrating the process for soliciting and receiving bids.

The solicitation was sent to 18 potential buyers, with nine responding. The bids ranged from \$50,000 to \$750,000, with two of the highest bidders having bid in the same range of \$750,000; however, one was unresponsive. In negotiation with the highest responsive bidder, Pruitt Health Home Health, Inc., the bid was raised to \$850,000.

At 7:25 p.m. Commissioner Dacey moved to go into public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried. The following citizen spoke:

1. *Hal James, 305 Calico Drive, New Bern*, stated that he is in favor of the sale, as an example of the County divesting itself of what can be done by the private sector.

At 7:26 p.m. Commissioner Dacey moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

County Attorney, Jim Hicks, stated that if the Board wishes to go further, the next step is to select an entity and begin to draft the sale documents. It was the Board's consensus to move forward with Pruitt Health Home Health, Inc.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

1. *Judy Bird, Chairperson of the Havelock Library Board*, requested assistance in the amount of \$43,000 in funding for the Havelock Library in light of the failure to fund the library by the City of Havelock. Otherwise the library could face a 25% loss in staff, resources and services.
2. *Brad Cummings, 307 Madam Moore's Lane, New Bern*, asked that the Board look at the Board of Education's federal funding received to determine how much administrative expense results from acceptance of those federal funds. He urged elected officials to look at a new approach.
3. *Nancy Murdock, Havelock*, commented on the education system and the ignorance children displayed on a recent video concerning civic matters, specifically the July 4 holiday.
4. *Kim Fink, Goose Creek Road*, stated that she would like the Board of Education to get Common Core education out of the system. She stated that the Board of Education has been unresponsive to her repeated attempts to discuss her frustration. She would like to see greater advocacy with the General Assembly from the elected leaders.
5. *Glen Fink, Goose Creek Road* – spoke critically about the Board of Education curriculum sources and standards.
6. *Hal James, 305 Calico Drive, New Bern*, stated that the Board of Education is not being straight forward with the Board of Commissioners regarding its budget and what it receives from other sources.
7. *Ray Griffin* spoke about concerns expressed for the Board of Education and stated that a lot stems from taking God and prayer out of schools.
8. *Raynor James, 305 Calico Drive, New Bern*, asked that the Board of Commissioners try to make the School Board more accountable through its funding.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TDA) CONTRACT RENEWAL

Assistant County Manager for Finance/Administration, Rick Hemphill, presented a proposed contract between the County and the Tourism Development Authority (TDA) for renewal, which was already approved by the TDA Board.

He explained that the changes in the contract are 1) the inflation clause was adjusted from an automatic 3% annually to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) "lodging away from home", adjusted to the prior December; 2) TDA is retaining advertising money on its own books, rather than passing through the Convention Center budget, reducing the contract by \$225,000. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the contract for renewal, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

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 McCabe moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Dacey and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
ANDERSON, GERALD L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2004-0001024	\$69.72
ANDERSON, GERALD L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2005-0001092	\$71.40
ANDERSON, GERALD L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2006-0001084	\$67.79
ANDERSON, GERALD L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2007-0001111	\$64.19
ANDERSON, GERALD L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2008-0001142	\$60.74
ANDERSON, GERALD L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2009-0001149	\$57.14
ANDERSON, GERALD L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2010-0091136	\$84.78
ANDERSON, GERALD L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2011-0001214	\$79.02
ANDERSON, GERALD L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2012-0001187	\$72.91
ANDERSON, GERALD L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0001146	\$66.82
ARMSTONG, EDDIE D & TERESA D BOAT DESTROYED IN AUGUST 2011	2012-0091689	\$6.27
ARMSTRONG, EDDIE D & TERESA D BOAT DESTROYED IN AUGUST 2011	2013-0090132	\$5.47
BROWN, JUSTIN RAY DID NOT OWN 1/1/2013	2013-0090204	\$20.64

CHASE, THOMAS R BUSINESS CLOSED 07/2010	2012-0090519	\$83.09
CHASE, THOMAS R BUSINESS CLOSED 07-2010	2013-0094622	\$76.55
CHASE, THOMAS R BUSINESS CLOSED 07-2010	2011-0090368	\$89.57
CROUELL, CHUNDRA FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0012745	\$10.25
CUNNINGHAM, SHARON DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0013324	\$114.32
CUNNINGHAM, SHARON CLERICAL ERROR – VEHICLE TAGGED	2013-0094240	\$12.51
CZEKALSKI, RYAN M DID NOT OWN 1/1/2011	2011-0013617	\$67.55
CZEKALSKI, RYAN M DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0013486	\$45.93
CZEKALSKI, RYAN M DID NOT OWN 1/1/2013	2013-0091746	\$42.41
DONNA AND COMPANY INC BUSINESS CLOSED 06-2012	2013-0094712	\$154.11
DULING, MICHAEL WILLIAM MILITARY EXEMPTION	2013-0091589	\$11.30
FIRST COMMAN DINANCIAL PLANNI ADJUSTMENT TO ASSETTS OWNED	2013-0094775	\$133.54
FOREMAN, MICHAEL W DOUBLE LISTED – SERE ACCT 23090	2013-0094782	\$91.72
GOODSON, JIMMY WAYNE MILITARY EXEMPTION	2013-0092342	\$11.51
GUARISCO, MATTHEW JOSEPH MILITARY EXEMPTION	2012-0023434	\$35.50
GUARISCO, MATTHEW JOSEPH MILITARY EXEMPTION	2013-0092382	\$113.21
HARTMANN, JR JOSEPH W RELEASED TO CURRITUCK COUNTY	2013-0024522	\$121.32
HARTMANN, JR JOSEPH W RELEASED TO CURRITUCK COUNTY	2012-0025423	\$133.45
HARTMANN, JR JOSEPH W RELEASED TO CURRITUCK COUNTY	2011-0025559	\$146.21
HARTMANN, JR JOSEPH W RELEASED TO CURRITUCK COUNTY	2010-0023057	\$151.02
HARTMANN, JR JOSEPH W RELEASED TO CURRITUCK COUNTY	2010-0090071	\$183.84

HARTMANN, JR JOSEPH W RELEASED TO CURRITUCK COUNTY	2010-0023056	\$10.73
JACKSON, CHRISTOPHER JOHN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2013	2013-0028245	\$50.51
MANGUM, LESTER DID NOT OWN 1/1/2010	2010-0032679	\$95.52
MANGUM, LESTER DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0036247	\$78.61
MANGUM, LESTER DID NOT OWN 1/1/2013	2013-0034923	\$71.69
MANGUM, LESTER DID NOT OWN 1/1/2011	2011-0036368	\$87.26
MURRAY, GEORGE WASHINGTON RELEASED TO JONES COUNTY	2013-0092945	\$62.66
MURRAY, GEORGE WASHINGTON RELEASED TO JONES COUNTY	2012-0041545	\$68.62
MURRAY, GEORGE WASHINGTON RELEASED TO JONES COUNTY	2011-0041649	\$75.53
MURRAY, GEORGE WASHINGTON RELEASED TO JONES COUNTY	2010-0090270	\$315.05
MURRAY, GEORGE WASHINGTON RELEASED TO JONES COUNTY	2010-0037375	\$82.83
ORTIE, JOSE DID NOT OWN 1/1/2013	2013-0042012	\$42.23
PARADISE HOMES REALTY INC OUT OF BUSINESS 5/2012	2013-0095091	\$36.77
POMONA PLACE LLC BUSINESS CLOSED 2011	2013-0095118	\$25.53
POMONA PLACE LLC BUSINESS CLOSED 2011	2012-0091047	\$27.72
PRIDGEN ,TERRI BLALOCK RELEASED OT CARTERET COUNTY	2010-0096463	\$44.95
PRIDGEN, TERRI BLALOCK RELEASED TO CARTERET COUNTY	2011-0046647	\$50.77
PRIDGEN, TERRI BLALOCK RELEASED TO CARTERET COUNTY	2012-0046495	\$48.93
PRIDGEN, TERRI BLALOCK RELEASED TO CARTERET COUNTY	2013-0093113	\$133.08
SHEARMAN, DAVID M & SHEARMAN MILITARY EXEMPTION	2013-0093385	\$179.18

TEJEDA, FERNANDO DID NOT OWN 1/1/2013	2013-0091210	\$45.96
WOLFSDEN INC BUSINESS CLOSED 1/1/2013	2013-0095387	\$60.97
	56 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$4,250.90

Refunds

DONNA AND COMPANY INC DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0090620	\$57.67
GUARISCO, MATTHEW JOSEPH MILITARY EXEMPTION	2012-0023434	\$95.24
SHEARMAN, DAVID M & SHEARMAN MILITARY EXEMPTION	2012-0051605	\$98.90
SHEARMAN, DAVID M & SHEARMAN MILITARY EXEMPTION	2011-0051655	\$71.66
SHEARMAN, DAVID M & SHEARMAN MILITARY EXEMPTION	2010-0046453	\$61.92
	5 – REFUND (S)	\$385.39

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – REQUEST TO SET PUBLIC HEARING

Per the requirements of General Statutes 158-7.1, Economic Development Director, Timothy Downs, requested that the Board of Commissioners set a public hearing for July 21, related to the sale of real property in the industrial park to Minges Building Account, LLC for the purpose of industrial expansion and job creation. Commissioner Taylor moved to set a public hearing at 8:30 a.m. on July 21, 2014, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: CRAVEN AREA RURAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (CARTS) – REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION

CARTS Interim Director, Gene Hodges, requested adoption of the following resolution authorizing Craven County, on behalf of CARTS, as the direct recipient of federal urban transit funds (Section 5307). With this resolution, CARTS can apply and receive these funds directly without them funneling through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CRAVEN COUNTY ON BEHALF OF CARTS (CRAVEN AREA RURAL TRANSIT SYSTEM) AS THE DIRECT RECIPIENT OF THE NEW BERN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION’S (NBAMPO) SECTION 5307 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION URBAN TRANSIT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is the Designated Recipient of Section 5307 FTA Urban Transit Funds for small urban areas; and

WHEREAS, the Craven Area Rural Transit System (CARTS) is Department of Craven County and CARTS is a Regional Transit Agency that provides public transportation services for several counties in the region, in addition to the New Bern Urban Area; and

WHEREAS, the New Bern Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee, approved by Resolution Craven County, on behalf of CARTS, as the Direct Recipient of Section 5307 FTA Urban Transit Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Craven County Board of Commissioners has agreed that maintaining

CARTS as the public transportation provider for both the New Bern Urban Area and the rural portion of Craven County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Craven Area Rural Transit System through Craven County to be the Direct Recipient of Section 5307 FTA Urban Transit Funds, on **this the 7th day of July, 2014.**

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified Board of Commissioners of Craven County, a body politic and corporate of the State of North Carolina, acting on behalf of the **Craven Area Rural Transit System**, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the

Craven County Board of Commissioners held on July 7, 2014

Commissioner Sampson moved to adopt the resolution, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: HEALTH – BUDGET AMENDMENT

Scott Harrelson, Craven County Health Director, presented the following budget amendment for the use of dental reserve funds to purchase two operating chairs in the dental trailer. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the budget amendment, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Health/Dental

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-5500-366-07-00 Transfer in from Reserve	\$10,750.00	101-5500-440-73-01 C/O Over \$5,000	\$10,750.00
371-0000-399-01-00 Appropriate Fund Balance	\$10,750.00	371-0571-400-97-01 Transfer to General Fund	\$10,750.00
JOURNAL ENTRY			
101-0000-101-00-00 General Fund Cash	\$10,750.00	101-5500-366-07-00 Transfer in from Reserve	\$10,750.00
371-0571-400-97-01 To General Fund	\$10,750.00	371-0000-101-00-00 County Reserve Cash	\$10,750.00
TOTAL	\$10,750.00	TOTAL	\$10,750.00

Justification: Use of dental reserve funds to purchase 2 operating chairs in the dental trailer. Current chairs have frayed wires and the arms on the chairs are worn out. The department would like to install before the end of August (before school starts).

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: PLANNING – SUBDIVISION FOR APPROVAL

The Planning Board met on June 30 and recommended the following subdivision for the Board’s approval.

Jonathan R. Furr – Final: The property, owned by Curtis and Myrtle Morris and surveyed by Gaskins Land Surveying, P.A., is located within Twp. 1, off of Ward Field Rd. (SR 1451); Parcel ID 1-055-011. The subdivision contains 1 lot on 1.21 acres and is proposed to be served by existing community water and an individual septic system.

Commissioner McCabe moved to approve the subdivision, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: FINANCE – BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mr. Hemphill reported that the County received a check for \$1,104.50 from NC Department of Commerce for Bunswick/Hatteras Yachts for their final payment on the grant they received in November 2010, and presented the following budget amendment. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Economic Development

101-4401-348-92-00	\$1,104.50	101-4401-430-47-03	\$1,104.50
Dept. of Commerce		Perfrom Grant Hatteras	
TOTAL	\$1,104.50	TOTAL	\$1,104.50

Justification: Final reimbursement from Dept. of Commerce for one NC performance grant. Funds will be passed through to Hatteras Yachts.

APPOINTMENTS

Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board

Commissioner Taylor nominated John Wilson for appointment to the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board in an additional private sector seat, as requested by the Workforce Development Board. Commissioner Dacey moved to appoint Mr. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried. Commissioner Taylor nominated William Green for reappointment. There being no additional nominees, Mr. Green was reappointed by acclamation.

Havelock Board of Adjustment

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

Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

Commissioner Dacey nominated Matt Webb (Twp. 8) to replace Charles Fisher, who is deceased. There being no additional nominees, Mr. Webb was appointed by acclamation to represent Twp. 8. Chairman Mark nominated Chad Braxton (At large) to replace Tom Lelli, who is resigning. There being no additional nominees, Mr. Braxton was appointed by acclamation to the at-large position.

Craven Community Child Protection Team

Commissioner Allen nominated Debbie Hodges for reappointment. There being no additional nominees, Ms. Hodges was reappointed by acclamation.

New Bern Planning and Zoning Board

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

Coastal Carolina Airport Authority

Commissioner Dacey nominated Jerry Jackson and Charles Meekins for reappointment to the Coastal Carolina Airport Authority. There being no additional nominees, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Meekins were reappointed by acclamation.

Planning Board

It was the consensus of the Board that this appointment be deferred.

Adult Care Home Advisory Committee

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

North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Voting Delegate

Commissioner Allen volunteered to serve as the NCACC Voting Delegate to the NCACC Annual Conference being held in Asheville August 14-17. Commissioner Taylor moved to designate Commissioner Allen as NCACC voting delegate for Craven County, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Upcoming Appointments

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

August

- Adult Care Home Advisory Committee
- EMS Advisory Committee
- Fire Tax Commissioners
- Nursing Home Advisory Committee

September

- Nursing Home Advisory Committee
- River Bend Planning Board
- Agricultural Advisory Board

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager, Jack Veit, stated that a meeting which the Commissioners requested with the Board of Education still needs to be scheduled; however, in order for a meeting to be fruitful, he is awaiting the State budget, as it relates to teacher pay. He suggested meeting in August after the morning meeting or before the evening meeting, in anticipation that the state will have completed its budget by then. The proposed topics will include:

- Budget
- Update on 3rd Grade Reading Levels
- Technical Education/Dual Path

The preferred meeting date was determined to be August 18.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Allen recognized Havelock Commissioner George Liner in attendance.

Commissioner Tyson reported on his attendance at the first annual Perrytown parade and celebration on July 5th. He also attended, with other MPO members, the Morehead Port tour, commenting that it is a big operation with great potential (one mile from the ocean, protected, sandy bottom which can be dredged), but needs planning to reap the economic benefits. The port is self-sustaining.

Commissioner Dacey reported on a River Bend Town Hall meeting held on June 30 in which the following topics emerged:

1. Little information on the County's website about the Pamlico Sound Hazard Mitigation Plan
2. Problems in Governor's Mill development with growth that was left in the water by the developer. He thanked staff for addressing this concern promptly.
3. Concerns about the Board of Education and system standards
4. Special Appropriations – how much taxpayer money is going to agencies?

Commissioner McCabe reported that he stayed at the Harlowe Fire Department overnight during Hurricane Arthur and patrolled. He commented that the City of Havelock only appropriated \$4,000 for the month of July for the Havelock Library. Commissioner McCabe moved to fund \$43,000 to the Havelock Library, seconded by Commissioner Sampson. Commissioner Tyson moved to table the motion, seconded by Commissioner Dacey and carried with five (5) "Ayes", there being two (2) "Nays" from Commissioners McCabe and Sampson.

During discussion Commissioner Allen stated that he negotiated with the Craven Community College President to have the library sign say "Havelock/Craven Community College Library", and was disappointed in the Havelock Board of Commissioners' decision not to fund it.

Commissioner Dacey recommended that the Chairman put together an ad hoc committee to study the issue, and it was the consensus among the majority of the Board that he do so, with Commissioners McCabe and Sampson dissenting.

Commissioner Sampson commented on his wife's family reunion. He stated that gas prices over the Fourth of July weekend reflected a 15¢ difference among stations in close proximity. Groceries, as well as light bills continue to rise. He commented on roads being torn up by contractors. He expressed gratitude for the storm passing swiftly and thanked staff and citizens for their preparation, and others for their help.

Commissioner Taylor thanked staff for their preparedness with Hurricane Arthur. He commented on his attendance at the final meeting of the Economic Development Task Force of NCACC and stated he will be looking for more input. He reported that he spoke with the Greenbriar Property Owner's Association and they are happy about the snagging of Bachelor's Creek. He reported his attendance at a meeting in Dover and at the River Bend July 4th parade. He announced a blood drive to be held on July 16 at Greenbriar.

Chairman Mark thanked citizens who spoke and stated that their questions have been recorded and will be answered to some degree.

At 9:02 p.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Chairman Thomas F. Mark
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board