

**AGENDA
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2014 REGULAR SESSION

1. PETITIONS OF CITIZENS
2. ABC BOARD PRESENTATION: Chip Chagnon, Chairman
3. TWP. 7 FIRE/RESCUE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: Nicholas Armstrong, Chief
4. REQUEST FOR RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATION
 - A. NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet
 - B. Luke Martin, Jr. Day
 - C. Military Family of the Quarter

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

5. TAX RELEASES AND REFUNDS: Ronnie Antry, Tax Administrator
6. HEALTH – NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXECUTE ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT: Scott Harrelson, Health Director
7. SOLID WASTE – STORM DEBRIS CONTRACTS: Rusty Cotton, Solid Waste Director
8. PLANNING
 - A. Request for Contract Agreement – FY12 CDBG Infrastructure: Reed Whitesell, Holland Consulting Planners
 - B. Hurricane Irene HMGP Determination of Fair Compensation, Reed Whitesell
 - C. Subdivision for Approval: Don Baumgardner, Planning Director

9. FINANCE – BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Rick Hemphill, Assistant County Manager, Finance/Administration
10. ACT CONTRACTS: Jack Veit, County Manager
11. APPOINTMENTS
12. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Jim Hicks
13. COUNTY MANAGERS' 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 TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 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 Allen and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Tyson requested to table Item #10, ACT Contracts, from the agenda and to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the minutes of August 18, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

1. *Hal James, 3305 Calico Drive, New Bern*, stated that he had planned to request that the Board hold off on the ACT contracts and expressed concerns about 501(c) (3) organizations made up of government officials.
2. *Doug and Melanie Meador, 2021 Williamston Drive*, addressed the Board regarding the water policy relative to water leaks, and desired adjustment to their bill. They stated their objection to the requirement of a plumber to verify and repair leaks and asked that this policy be revised.

ABC BOARD PRESENTATION

ABC Board Chairman, Chip Chagnon, presented the annual briefing to the Commissioners. He stated that the most recent audit puts Craven County ABC stores in the top ten percent in the state and announced that all stores are undergoing upgrades. He presented a check for \$517,437.18. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the ABC Board travel policy, as required annually, but reflects no changes from the previous year, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

TWP. 7 FIRE/RESCUE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Danny Hill, Assistant Chief, and Robert Blaylock, President, informed the Commissioners of the Twp. 7 Fire Department's intent to purchase a new fire engine that will replace a 26 year old engine.

Emergency Services Director, Stanley Kite, confirmed that the plans will not require any additional unbudgeted funds and there were no objections from the Board.

REQUESTS FOR RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATION

NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet

The Planning Committee for the Freedom Fund Banquet has requested that the Board adopt a congratulatory resolution, as it did last year, to be printed in the program. Commissioner McCabe moved to adopt the following congratulatory resolution for the Craven County Branch of the NAACP Annual Banquet Program, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION: Craven County Branch of the NAACP

WHEREAS, the Craven County Branch of the NAACP will celebrate 65 years of continuous community service at its annual banquet on Saturday, September 13, 2014; and

WHEREAS, this organization, through its efforts over 65 years, has made a significant impact on the citizens and quality of life in this area; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's banquet, "Still Forward Together -- Not One Step Backwards", reflects the NAACP's commitment to unity, equality and progress for all citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, the Craven County Board of Commissioners recognizes the contributions of the Craven County NAACP and extends congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of this observance.

Adopted this 2nd day of September, 2014.

Luke P. Martin, Jr. Day

Tryon Palace requested the following proclamation of September 18, 2014 as Luke P. Martin, Jr. Day in Craven County to coincide with a recognition event being jointly sponsored with the New Bern Historical Society. Commissioner Sampson moved to adopt the following proclamation, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING LUKE P. MARTIN, JR.

WHEREAS, Luke P. Martin, Jr. was born on July 11, 1917, to Civil War Veteran, Luke P. Martin, Sr., who was born into slavery, escaped during the winter of 1863 and made his way to New Bern; and

WHEREAS, once in New Bern, Luke Martin, the senior, became one of the first men to enlist in the First North Carolina Colored Volunteers, and later settled and raised a family here; and

WHEREAS, Luke Martin, Jr is the only known living son of a Union Civil War Veteran; and

WHEREAS, he has upheld his father's legacy of service to community, having lived his life as a brick mason, builder, teacher, civic leader and trustee for more than 60 years at the historic St. John Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Luke Martin, Jr.'s connection to history in this area goes beyond his being the surviving son of a Civil War Veteran: he was also the lead Master Mason in the restoration of Tryon Palace in the 1950's; and

WHEREAS, Luke P. Martin, Jr. at age 97, still lives in the home built by his father in the 1890's, and still goes to work assisting with funerals at Oscar's Mortuary, where he has been a funeral attendant since 1964.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Craven County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims September 18, 2014 as Luke P. Martin, Jr. Day in Craven County and joins Tryon Palace and the New Bern Historical Society in recognizing this outstanding citizen.

Adopted this 2nd day of September, 2014.

Military Family of the Quarter

The Board received a request to adopt a resolution recognizing the family of Sergeant Mitchell Florea as Military Family of the Quarter. Commissioner Tyson moved to adopt the following resolution recognizing the family of Sergeant Mitchell Florea as Military Family of the Quarter, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Taylor will present the resolution at a luncheon being held in their honor on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 12:00 noon.

**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE FAMILY
OF
SERGEANT MITCHELL FLOREA
AND WIFE DEBORAH B. FLOREA**

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mitchell Florea joined the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) Marine Unit (MARUNIT) Cherry Point, Marine Corps Air Station, NC on July 1, 2013, and currently serves as a Certified Master Training Specialist for the Communications Navigations Cryptographic Deceptive Electronic Countermeasures training track at CNATT MARUNIT, Cherry Point; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Florea performs his duties in an exemplary manner and continues to strive in the same manner off duty by devoting hours of community service at Two Rivers Church, in which he single handedly organized multiple volunteer events that aided in the demolition phase of the church's new property on Neuse Blvd. in New Bern, ultimately saving the church \$20,000 in outsourcing; and

WHEREAS, his devotion to the community continues as a mentor at Havelock Elementary School and through his volunteerism with Habitat for Humanity Home Builds, the MCAS Cherry Point Single Marine Program and the Boys and Girls Club of Coastal Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Florea's wife, Deborah, along with attending classes full-time at Craven Community College and working a full-time job, devotes much of her free time to planning and participating in the local community food drives, school painting projects, Habitat for Humanity and uses her talents weekly by singing and playing piano for the Sunday worship service at Two Rivers Church; and

WHEREAS, this family consistently touches the lives of others by giving back to the community that has contributed so much to the Marines and the families attached to MCAS Cherry Point.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Craven County Board of Commissioners recognizes the family of Sergeant Mitchell Florea for upholding the highest image of the United States Marine Corps through their countless contributions and dedicated services to others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLOVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners congratulates them on being selected as Military Family of the Quarter.

Adopted this the 2nd day of September, 2014

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 Mark and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
ELLIS, MAVIS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2011-0017595	\$50.11
GASKINS, JOYCE ANN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2010	2010-0019186	\$55.35
GASKINS, JOYCE ANN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2011	2011-0021203	\$51.39
GASKINS, JOYCE ANN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0021035	\$47.41
HERRING, GEORGE E LIEN TRANSFERRED TO 2013 BILL ACCT 0059948	2012-0026516	\$418.60
IPOCK, KAREN W NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2012	2012-0090792	\$10.30
IPOCK, KAREN W NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2013	2013-0094888	\$9.40
MORRIS, TRICIA & ELLIS, JOS FORECLOSURE- LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2012-0041091	\$46.41
MORRIS, TRICIA & ELLIS, JOS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0039542	\$42.71
STOX, SHIRLEY DID NOT OWN 1/1/10 & 1/1/11	2012-0091505	\$114.79
STOX, SHIRLEY DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0054814	\$56.76
STOX, SHIRLEY DID NOT OWN 1/1/2013	2013-0093520	\$51.90
	12 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$955.13

Refunds

GREAT AMERICA FINAN SERV APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2013-0094021	\$127.43
NOBLES, MARIE C CORRECTING RECYCLE DISCOVERY FEE	2014-0090179	\$60.00
	2 – REFUND (S)	\$187.43

**DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: HEALTH – NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXECUTE
ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

Thomas Smith, Hospice Director of the Craven County Health Department, requested Board authorization to advertise a public notice of intent to enter into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Pruitt Health for the sale of the Craven County Home Health Agency on September 15, 2014, in accordance with GS Sec. 131E-13(d)(7). Commissioner Allen moved for authorization to advertise public notice of intent to enter into an agreement with Pruitt Health, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried. Copies of the final contract will be made available to the public 10 days before the meeting and will also be available on the County website.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: SOLID WASTE – STORM DEBRIS CONTRACTS

Solid Waste Director, Rusty Cotton, requested that the Board of Commissioners approve and execute a one year extension on contracts with Disaster Debris Removal and Clearance Services and Disaster Debris Monitoring Services to avoid a lapse in coverage during the 2014 hurricane season. He announced that bids on new contracts will be solicited prior to the next hurricane season.

Mr. Cotton also updated the Board on the status of mulch piles generated by Hurricane Irene.

Commissioner Tyson moved to approve both contract extensions, to be executed by the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: PLANNING

*Request for Contract Amendment – CDBG (Community Development Block Grant)
Infrastructure*

Reed Whitesell of Holland Consulting Planners requested a contract amendment in the amount of \$23,900 to the existing contract for managing Craven County's FY 12 CDBG Infrastructure Project. He stated that there is ample surplus in the grant to cover the requested contract amendment, and the revised contract value is still only 11.2% of the total project budget, well below Holland's historical rate and the NC Department of Commerce regulatory limit. Factors requiring amendment include:

- Lengthy delays in acquiring easements for the proposed waterline in the Henderson-Godette component of the project have resulted in extension of the construction timeline, thus requiring an extension of the management and supervision function.
- Construction cost savings have allowed the addition of 35 new systems to the STEP pump component. Identification of 35 additional income-eligible households has resulted in the extension of the projected extension date.

Commissioner Dacey initiated discussion of a fee that is imposed by the City of New Bern on system owners for replacement of failed pumps. He questioned the fairness of this charge in light of federal dollars that are being expended for replacements via the County's grant program. He expressed a desire to have the conversation with representatives of the City.

Commissioner Dacey moved to approve the FY12 CDBG Infrastructure contract amendment in the amount of \$23,900, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Hurricane Irene HMGP Determination of Fair Compensation

Craven County has received funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to acquire two (2) residential structures that were included on the County's list of Severe Repetitive Loss Properties.

The final property to be acquired through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program from Hurricane Irene is located at 1306 Kinston Street, New Bern, and was appraised by the program’s contracted appraiser at \$107,000, which is current market value.

The Board was requested to adopt the following Resolution to Establish Just Compensation and Statement of Determination of Fair Compensation for the property, which is based on the current appraisal.

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

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING JUST COMPENSATION FOR SELECTED REAL PROPERTY IN CRAVEN COUNTY’S HURRICANE IRENE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, it has been certified by **Dave LaVigne, MAI, of LaVigne Appraisals**, as the county’s contract commercial appraiser for the Hurricane Irene Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) that the property listed below has been appraised in accordance with State law, Uniform Standards for Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) guidelines, and HMGP program guidelines; and

WHEREAS the county has said appraisal report in its possession that has been reviewed and found to be accurate and reliable.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Just Compensation is hereby established by the Craven County Board of Commissioners, for the following parcel:

Owner Name	Parcel Identification Number (PIN) of Parcel to be Acquired	Street Address	Established Value
Jimmy E. Dillahunt and wife, Janie B. Dillahunt	8-014-321	1306 Kinston Street, New Bern, NC	\$107,000.00

This 1st day of **September, 2014**.

**CRAVEN COUNTY HURRICANE IRENE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM - ACQUISITION
Statement of Determination of Fair Compensation**

Location of property: 1306 Kinston Street, New Bern, NC

Address of property: 1306 Kinston Street, New Bern, NC

PIN: 8-014-321 Owner(s) of record: Jimmy E. Dillahunt and wife, Janie B. Dillahunt

Type of residence:	Multi-Family Building (6-Plex)
Number of rooms:	Six individual apartments consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (5) two bedroom, 1 bath units • (1) three bedroom, 1 bath unit
Exterior (check one):	Brick
Size of residence:	5,252 Square feet
Size of lot:	0.28 acre
Improvements:	N/A

Amount of compensation: **\$107,000**

This amount is believed to be fair compensation for the property, and no less than its fair market value. The following benefits received for undocumented housing repairs will be deducted from the total value:

Flood Insurance Proceeds	\$0	Disaster Relief Fund	\$0
State SBA Grant	\$0	FEMA IHP	\$0
SBA Loan	\$0	Other: N/A	\$0

Appraisal Approach: Income Approach

The amount of compensation disregards any possible increase of the fair market value, which might result from this property acquisition project. The fair market value of this property is estimated as of June 30, 2014. It does not reflect any economic depreciation as a result of that event. In the determination of compensation, fair market value is defined as, “the amount for which, in all probability, the property would be sold by a knowledgeable owner willing but obligated to sell to a knowledgeable purchaser who desired but is not obligated to pay.” This property has been studied considering its tax roll value or highest and best use for its type.

The next step will be to prepare the first Written Purchase Offer which will be based on the compensation of \$107,000.

Subdivision for Approval

Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, presented the following subdivision for the Board’s approval.

Rodger L. Pinkham – Final: The property, owned by Rodger Lee Pinkham and surveyed by Mayo and Associates, P.A., is located within Twp. 1 on Bear Hole Road (SR 1448); Parcel ID 1-063-10000.

The subdivision contains 2 lots on 3.352 acres and is proposed to be served by existing community water. Lot 1 is to be served by an individual septic system and Lot 2 has an existing individual septic system.

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

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: FINANCE – BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Assistant County Manager for Finance/Administration, Rick Hemphill, presented the following budget amendments for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Sampson moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Elections

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0601-366-07-011 From Cap Reserve	\$275,346.00	101-0601-400-73-01 C/O over \$5,000	\$275,346.00
371-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$275,346.00	371-0571-400-97-01 To Gen Fund	\$275,346.00
JOURNAL ENTRY			
371-0571-400-97-01 To Gen Fund	\$275,346.00	371-0000-101-00-00 Cash	\$275,346.00
101-0000-101-00-00 Cash	\$275,346.00	101-0601-366-07-00 From Cap Reserve	\$275,346.00
TOTAL	\$1,101,384.00	TOTAL	\$1,101,384.00

Justification: Transfer \$275,346 from Capital Reserve to Elections to purchase ES&S equipment.

Fire Departments – Multiple

242-0000-399-00-00 Tri-Community	\$130.00	242-2900-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$130.00
244-0000-399-00-00 Ft. Barnwell	\$325.00	244-2903-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$325.00
245-0000-399-00-00 Harlowe	\$130.00	245-2900-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$130.00
246-0000-399-00-00 No 6 Township	\$390.00	246-2900-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$390.00
247-0000-399-00-00 #7 Township	\$910.00	247-2900-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$910.00
249-0000-399-00-00 Twp #6	\$260.00	249-2900-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$260.00
TOTAL	\$2,145.00	TOTAL	\$2,145.00

Justification: To cover shortage of Fire Department’s Workers Compensation line item for VFIS invoice dated 8/13/14 of \$85,792.00

Cooperative Extension

101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance current year	\$1,488.00	101-4211-420-32-40 Other supplies	\$1,488.00
TOTAL	\$1,488.00	TOTAL	\$1,488.00

Justification: Received CarolinaEast Foundation Grant FY 12 to provide supplies for the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP). Need to carry over the \$1,488 balance to FY 15.

Cooperative Extension/SHIIP

101-4207-349-55-00 Grant Dept. of Ins.	\$(895.00)	101-4207-420-22-00 Telephone	\$(224.00)
		101-4207-420-24-00 Meeting Expenses	\$(224.00)

		101-4207-420-32-40	\$(224.00)
		Other Supplies	
		101-4207-420-39-45	\$(223.00)
		Low Income Subsidy	
TOTAL	\$(895.00)	TOTAL	\$(895.00)

Justification: Original budget \$4,000 State SHIP for FY 15. Actual amount will be \$3,105.00. Need to make the necessary reductions.

APPOINTMENTS

Havelock Board of Adjustment

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

New Bern Planning and Zoning Board

Commissioner Sampson moved to appoint Haron Beatty for appointment to the New Bern Planning and Zoning Board at the recommendation of the City Planner. Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Emergency Medical Services

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

Nursing Home Advisory Committee

It was the consensus of the Board that an appointment to replace Britt Bendy be deferred. Commissioner Mark moved to reappoint Linda Lelli, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

River Bend Planning Board

Commissioner Dacey moved to reappoint Kelly Forrest to the River Bend Planning Board, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

Agricultural Advisory Committee

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

Upcoming Appointments

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

October

- Clean Sweep Committee
- Firemen’s Relief Fund Board of Trustees
- Fire Tax Commissioners
- Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Commissioner McCabe presented a North Carolina Association of County Commissioners update and distributed a NCACC Benefits of Membership brochure to the Commissioners. He commented on a U.S. Highway 70 by-pass meeting he attended in Kinston and stated that plans should be finalized by 2015.

Commissioner Allen encouraged others to serve on the NCACC steering committees. He commented that he was very impressed by a presentation given by Neil Peterson at the NCACC.

He stated that NCACC Executive Director, David Thompson, is going to join the NACo staff. He also announced that he will be absent from the next meeting for a family reunion.

Commissioner Tyson expressed his concern about potential flooding issues in Twp. 7 between Catfish Lake Road and Tebo Road – areas not near a federal flood zone. He stated that the Planning Department is trying to identify the problem. He asked the Board to put that area in the next rotation for a snagging project. He commented that roads in subdivisions not taken over by the Department of Transportation are also an issue and he expects that Planning will bring some information to the next meeting. He announced that the Tourism Development Authority had the State Tourism Board speak on what it takes to be certified as a retirement community. He would like to look into the potential that has been identified.

Commissioner Dacey announced his participation in a pre-conference seminar on collaborating for a successful economic development at the NCACC conference and he shared highlights with the Board. A distinction was drawn between cooperation and collaboration and the importance of collaborators learning with and from each other was emphasized. Values relative to control, learning and problem solving were identified.

Commissioner Sampson encouraged the County to help all citizens with flooding relief. He stated that NCACC has done an outstanding job, as well as NACo, in terms of unifying jurisdictions for common purposes. He commented on rising gas prices, food prices, kerosene and diesel. He thanked New Bern Bears for beating the Havelock Bears. He invited Commissioners and citizens to the NAACP banquet on September 18.

Commissioner Taylor announced a blood drive being held on September 10 at The Emerald Golf and Country Club from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. He thanked Rusty Hayes and Jack Veit for working with him over the past several months to resolve an issue and he hopes to have something to report soon. He announced a September 11 memorial being held in Havelock. He stated that he will need to leave early during the next meeting in order to participate in a BSH project with West Craven Middle School.

Chairman Mark announced a September 11 memorial being held in Fairfield Harbour. He reminded the Board that the Legislative Goals submission deadline is September 19. He announced that Promise Place is resuming a Salute to Women in the Military luncheon and tickets are available to those interested. He commented on his attendance at a Highway 17 committee meeting with Jack Veit, Harry Brown (Onslow County), Pat McElraft (Carteret) and Senator Cook. He stated that the biggest problem is there is no money for roads and they must find new means for funding. Representatives are on board with finalizing Highway 17 improvements.

Commissioner Taylor, who was also in attendance at the Highway 17 Committee meeting, recommended finding a way to leverage eastern N.C., for example, the military.

Chairman Mark stated that he is also concerned about Highway 55. The Department of Transportation is finally working on a fix for the intersection coming out of Food Lion.

At 8:52 p.m. 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