

AGENDA
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2015
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

1. PETITIONS OF CITIZENS
2. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Minutes of June 15, 2015 Regular Session and June 1 and June 5, 2015 Reconvened Sessions
 - B. Health Budget Amendment
 - C. Request for Resolution/Proclamation
 - D. Subdivision for Approval
 - E. Tax Releases
3. HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT (HCCBG) FY 15-16
FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS: Georgia Newkirk, Chair, Craven Aging Planning Board
4. PRESENTATION CONCERNING DISTRACTED DRIVING: Commissioner Sampson, Mr. Sam Dawson
5. FUNDING REQUEST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: Dr. Lane Mills, Superintendent of Schools

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

6. SOCIAL SERVICES – BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Alfreda Stout, Assistant Social Services Director
7. RECREATION – PLAYGROUND UPDATE AND REQUEST: Billy Wilkes, Assistant Recreation Director
 - A. Request for Resolution
 - B. Brick Campaign

8. CARTS: Kelly Walker, CARTS Transportation Director
 - A. Request for Public Hearing
 - B. Request for Approval to Enter into Memorandum of Agreement with the North Carolina State Board of Elections
9. SOLID WASTE – TEMPORARY DISASTER DEBRIS MAINTENANCE SITE:
Rusty Cotton, Solid Waste Director
10. HUMAN RESOURCES – REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION: Amber Parker,
Human Resources Director
11. APPOINTMENTS
12. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Jim Hicks
13. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: Jack Veit
14. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
15. CLOSED SESSION

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 6, 2015. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Steve Tyson
 Vice Chairman Scott C. Dacey
 Commissioner Jason R. Jones
 Commissioner George S. Liner
 Commissioner Theron L. McCabe
 Commissioner Johnnie Sampson, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Thomas F. Mark

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
 Aaron Arnette, County Attorney Associate
 Ross Hardeman, County Attorney Associate

Following an invocation by Commissioner Sampson and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Dacey moved to approve the agenda, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

1. *Susan Simpson, Craven Pamlico Carteret Regional Library*, thanked the Commissioners, County Manager and Finance Director for their support of the library services in the new budget.
2. *Joshua Humphries*, spoke about the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Commissioners included in the adopted FY 2015-2016 budget and stated that it needs to be revisited and voted on.
3. *Ray Griffin, Vanceboro*, addressed the Board regarding the Fourth of July holiday and stated that the greatest threat to the Country is from within, as a consequence of abandoning the foundational faith.
4. *Sarah Willis, Craven County 4-H*, stated that she will attend the 4-H youth summit in August.
5. *Glenn Fink, 646 Goose Creek Road*, addressed the Board regarding the Board of Education request for additional funds, stating that he supports the crafts trades; however, if it is so important, he asked, why was the infrastructure gap at West Craven High School ignored until the last minute and asked if there was a trade-off.
6. *Hal James, 305 Calico Drive*, thanked the Board for clarity of the consent agenda. He inquired who ultimately gets the money from the grant that comes through the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG).

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Sampson requested to remove a Health budget amendment from the consent agenda.

Minutes of June 15, 2015 Regular Session and June 1 and June 5, 2015 Reconvened Sessions

Commissioner Dacey moved to approve the regular session minutes of June 15, 2015 and the June 1 and June 5, 2015 reconvened sessions, seconded by Commissioner Liner and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Request for Resolution/Proclamation

The Board was requested to adopt a resolution/proclamation in recognition of the Tuscarora of New Bern coming to New Bern June 23-25 commemorating the 300th Anniversary of the end of the Tuscarora War, which lasted from 1711-1715. Commissioner Dacey moved to authorize staff to compose a resolution/proclamation in collaboration with the event sponsors, Family History Society of Eastern North Carolina, and to ratify it at the Board’s next meeting. The Chairman has agreed to welcome the delegation at the Convention Center on July 23. Commissioner Liner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

Subdivisions for Approval

Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, submitted the following subdivision, recommended by the Planning Board, for the Board’s approval.

William Dan Rouse – Final: The property, owned by Willis and Darlene McCoy and surveyed by Matrix East, PLLC, is located within Twp. 3 on Willis Rd. (SR 1238). The subdivision contains 1 lot on 1.86 acres and is served by an individual well and an existing septic system.

Commissioner Dacey moved to approve the subdivision, as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Liner and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Tax Releases

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, submitted the following routine tax releases for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Dacey moved for their approval, as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Liner and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
BOOK, EVELYN E DID NOT OWN 1/1/2014	2014-0005635	\$58.38
BROOME, LEIGH G DID NOT OWN 1/1/2014	2014-0092935	\$194.84
BROOME, LEIGH G COLLECTED VALUE OF DISCOVERED PROPERTY	2014-0093153	\$1,322.58
BRYANT, CHARLEY L & GLORIA S FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2008-0007294	\$37.48
BRYANT, CHARLEY L & GLORIA S FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2009-0007364	\$35.71
BRYANT, CHARLEY L & GLORIA S FORELCOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2010-0006798	\$80.41
BRYANT, GLORIA S FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2011-0007595	\$75.63
BRYANT, GLORIA S FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2012-0007613	\$70.44

BRYANT, GLORIA S FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0007489	\$59.68
BRYANT, GLORIA S FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2014-0007683	\$253.01
CAGNEY, MICHAEL JOSEPH NOT TAXALBE TO CRAVEN COUNTY 1/1/14	2014-0008551	\$1,338.20
CAMPBELL, JOHNNIE EARL III DID NOT OWN 1/1/2014	2014-0008774	\$388.54
CARR, MICHAEL SPICER & SPIRIT REDUCED VALUE PER BILL OF SALE	2015-0090025	\$169.31
CHASE, ALISON G DID NOT OWN 1/1/13	2014-0010189	\$83.99
CHRISTENSON, MICHAEL JOHN MILITARY EXEMPTION	2014-0010403	\$68.22
CRONE, ANNA FELTON FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2014-0012919	\$32.71
CRONE, ANNA FELTON FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0012660	\$35.47
CRONE, ANNA FELTON FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2012-0013002	\$44.29
CRONE, ANNA FELTON FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2011-0013142	\$47.19
CRONE, ANNA FELTON FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2010-0011912	\$129.05
CRONE, ANNA FELTON FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2009-0013052	\$59.80
CRONE, ANNA FELTON FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2008-0013129	\$63.05
CRONE, ANNA FELTON FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2007-0012769	\$66.30
CRONE, ANNA FELTON FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2006-0012384	\$67.67
CRONE, ANNA FELTON FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2005-0012194	\$70.85
CULLEN, DONNA S DID NOT OWN 1/1/2014	2014-0093300	\$86.84
DAVIS, TIMOTHY NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/14	2014-0091292	\$76.55
FORD, JOSEPHINE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2014-0019253	\$666.56
FORD, JOSEPHINE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0018757	\$729.80

FORD, JOSEPHINE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2012-0019302	\$455.43
FORD, JOSEPHINE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2011-0019469	\$97.34
FORD, JOSEPHINE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2010-0017653	\$236.81
FORD, JOSEPHINE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2009-0019284	\$353.93
FORD, JOSEPHINE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2008-0019229	\$213.14
FORD, JOSEPHINE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2007-0018781	\$358.35
FORD, JOSEPHINE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2006-0018266	\$5,596.10
FORD, JOSEPHINE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2005-0018103	\$1,888.79
JORDAN, MARY SAMPSON ADJUSTMNET FOR RECYCLE REBILL	2015-0090221	\$24.00
KEARNEY, JESSIE EDDIE SR ADJUSTMENT FOR RECYCLE FEE	2015-0090222	\$12.00
KOPECKY, GREGORY C MILITARY EXEMPTION	2014-0091722	\$110.82
LARABEE, LARRY LEE RELEASED TO JONES COUNTY FOR 2014	2014-0032936	\$11.57
LONG, LONNIE ALBERT & GLENDA F DID NOT OWN 1/1/14	2014-0091812	\$29.76
MARSHBURN, NANCY JANE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2014-0036013	\$55.00
MARSHBURN, NANCY JANE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0035255	\$59.68
MARSHBURN, NANCY JANE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUIHSED	2012-0036597	\$623.53
MARSHBURN, NANCY JANE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2011-0036731	\$75.63
MARSHBURN, NANCY JANE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2010-0032997	\$298.46
MARSHBURN, NANCY JANE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2009-0036208	\$297.93
MARSHBURN, NANCY HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2008-0036142	\$352.14

MARSHBURN, NANCY HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2007-0035434	\$421.47
MARSHBURN, NANCY JANE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2006-0034449	\$366.00
MARSHBURN, NANCY JANE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2005-0033958	\$115.29
MCLAWHORN, BEVERLY A ADJUSTMENT OF RECYCLE REBILL	2015-0090229	\$12.00
MCLEAN, GERALD WILLIAM & AMY D SENIRO EXCLUSUION REMOVED IN ERROR	2015-0090230	\$190.66
MELTON, BRANDON K & JENNIFER L NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY	2014-0092586	\$21.09
OATES, MELVIN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0043240	\$65.32
OATES, MELVIN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2013	2013-0090969	\$59.94
OATES, MELVIN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2014	2014-0090612	\$54.91
ORMOND, JESSE R JR ADJUSTMENT OF RECYCLE REBILL	2015-0090239	\$60.00
PAYTON, MARY ADJUSTMENT OF RECYCLE REBILL	2015-0090241	\$48.00
PHILLIPS, ELIZABETH ADJUSTMENT OF RECYCLE REBILL	2015-0090242	\$36.00
RAJ INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS DID NOT OWN 1/1/2014	2014-0092834	\$2,195.87
REGAN, JAMES ARTHUR SR DID NOT OWN 1/1/2014	2014-0090665	\$8.17
ROACH, RAYMOND EARL ADJUSTMENT OF RECYCLE REBILL	2015-0090243	\$36.00
ROACH, TERRENCE WAYNE & BRIGGS NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY	2014-0090709	\$143.06
ROBINSON, JEAN H ADJUSTMENT OF RECYCLE REBILL	2015-0090244	\$60.00
ROUSE, CARRIE TYSON ADJUSTMENT FOR RECYCLE REBILL	2015-0090245	\$12.00
RUSS, LENOIR PETTY ADJUSTMENT OF RECYCLE REBILL	2015-0090246	\$48.00
SCOTT, BEN & REBECCA ANN ADJUSTMENT OF RECYCLE REBILL	2015-0090247	\$24.00
SCOYNEERS, ELISA ADJUSTMENT FOR RECYCLE REBILL	2015-0090250	\$24.00

SMITH, ANDREW NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY	2014-0090749	\$141.32
SPELLMAN, WILLIE ROY & RENEE B DOUBLE BILLED – SAME ACCOUNT NUMBER	2013-0093470	\$136.55
SPELLMAN, WILLIE ROY & RENEE B DOUBLE BILLED – SAME ACCOUNT NUMBER	2014-0090781	\$128.46
STANLEY, FANNIE WILSON DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2005	2012-0054018	\$44.55
STANLEY, FANNIE WILSON DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2005	2013-0093482	\$41.31
STANLEY, FANNIE WILSON DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2005	2014-0090803	\$38.07
STEVENS, KATIE S FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2007-0052028	\$100.40
STEVENS, KATIE S FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2008-0052731	\$60.21
STEVENS, KATIE S FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2010-0048945	\$144.50
STEVENS, THOMAS & KATIE FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2012-0054357	\$126.89
STEVENS, THOMAS & KATIE FORECLOSURE - LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0052122	\$244.84
SWINSON, CHARMIN S FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2014-0054412	\$225.64
YATES, BRIAN T DID NOT OWN 1/1/2014	2014-0093139	\$9.45
	83 – CREDIT MEMO (\$)	\$23,006.93

HEALTH BUDGET AMENDMENT

The Board was requested to approve the following budget amendment. Mr. Harrelson explained that the mission and selection process for counties in “project lazarus” is a determination of being at high risk for overdose incidents. Commissioner Dacey moved to approve the budget amendment, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Liner and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Health/Risk Reduction

101-6700-349-04-00	\$3,284.00	101-6700-440-27-00	\$2,500.00
State Revenues		Advertising	
		101-6700-440-32-40	\$ 784.00
		Other Supplies	
TOTAL	\$3,284.00	TOTAL	\$3,284.00

Justification: Newly acquired state funds – must be spent by July 31, 2015. Funds awarded to educate and support providers and patients about the epidemic of prescription drug overdoses; \$2,500 will be used for a ½ minute Public Service Announcement (PSAs) played at Beartown Cinema for six months; \$784 will be used to purchase prescription magnets and disposal bags listing the various drop-off sites for proper disposal of prescription drugs.

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT (HCCBG) FY 15-16 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Georgia Newkirk, Chair, Craven Aging Planning Board, presented the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) FY 15-16 funding recommendations as follows:

Organization	Recommended				
Program	Budget w/match	Match	HCCBG only	Units	Cost Per Unit
CARTS					
Transportation/Access Service	\$ 57,657	\$5,766	\$51,891	6704	\$8.60
CC Social Services					
IH Level II	\$110,214	\$11,021	\$99,193	7487	\$14.72
IH Level III	\$ 73,476	\$ 7,348	\$66,129	4992	\$14.72
Home Delivered					
USDA	\$185,560	\$18,556	\$167,004	40515	\$4.58
	\$ 28,361				
Congregate					
USDA	\$37,717	\$3,772	\$33,945	5866	\$6.43
	\$ 4,106				
Care Management					
Coastal Community Action					
Senior Companion					
Havelock Senior Services					
Congregate	\$27,088	\$2,709 (in kind)	\$24,379	5529	\$4.8997
USDA	\$20,000	\$2,000	\$18,000	4012	\$4.9848
	\$ 2,809				\$7.8142
	\$584,823	\$58,482	\$526,341		
			\$526,341		

The proposed allocations reflect Havelock Senior Services’ self-recommended reduction, giving all other providers a 15.35% decrease in their initial requests. The Aging Planning Board voted for the 15.35% decrease to recommend for approval.

Commissioner Mark requested, in absentia, that this item be tabled if not time sensitive. Ms. Newkirk responded that it needs to be approved in order for agencies to provide services as of July 1. Commissioner Sampson inquired how many people would be deprived of services in the recommended budget.

Assistant Social Services Director, Alfreda Stout, stated that approval for agencies to continue at their current level until discussion can include Commissioner Mark would be acceptable. Commissioner Dacey moved to defer consideration of HCCBG until July 20, seconded by Chairman Tyson. The motion failed with two (2) “ayes from Commissioners Dacey and Tyson and four (4) “nays” from Commissioners Jones, Liner, McCabe and Sampson. Commissioner Dacey expressed concern that an across the board reduction may not have allowed for a thorough program-by-program analysis. Commissioner Liner moved to approve the recommendation of the Aging Planning Board, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and carried by five “ayes”, there being one (1) “nay” from Commissioner Dacey.

PRESENTATION CONCERNING DISTRACTED DRIVING

Mr. Ray Dawson presented a video presentation on distracted driving, particularly involving cell phone use.

FUNDING REQUESEST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Education member, David Hale, introduced Chris Bailey, Director of Career and Technical Education, who presented information on the proposed welding program at West Craven High School. He stated that the program will maximize use of shop space at the high school and maximize staff at Craven Community College. The program would offer in the first year, two of five courses required for certification, as part of the curriculum, at no cost to students, enabling completion one year earlier at Craven Community College. The entry level salary for welders averages \$26,000 - \$40,000 a year with certification. Commissioner Jones asked if this will include Havelock students. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Lane Mills, responded that reassignments for courses have not yet been considered. Ultimately a central technology/career academy would be desirable.

Commissioner Jones stated that he supports the program.

Commissioner Liner inquired if electrical costs have been factored into the operating budget. Mr. Bailey responded that the electrical cost for operation is negligible, and supplies are completely state funded. Commissioner Liner stated that he supports the program conceptually, but the timing is an issue for him.

Commissioner McCabe expressed that he is in support of the welding and automotive programs.

Commissioner Dacey asked if this program falls within the Board of Education’s existing budget. Mr. Hale responded that they have had to use the fund balance to refurbish furnishings in the schools. Commissioner Dacey stated that he is in favor of the program.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the program, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and carried in a roll call vote with five (5) “ayes”, there being one (1) “nay” from Commissioner Liner.

At 8:45 p.m. the Board went into recess.

At 8:54 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular session.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: SOCIAL SERVICES – BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Alfreda Stout, Assistant Social Services Director presented the following budget amendments for the Board’s approval.

DSS IM 7211

101-7211-349-19-00	\$70,125.00	101-7211-450-73-21	\$50,000.00
Inc Maintenance Staff and Overhead		Capital Outlay	
101-0000-399-01-00	\$23,375.00	101-7211-450-32-40	\$43,500.00
Fund Balance		Other Supplies	
TOTAL	\$93,500.00	TOTAL	\$93,500.00

Justification: Due to delayed final approval from the State resulting in insufficient time to purchase within fiscal year deadlines, requesting to roll forward this previously approved one time opportunity to purchase computer related equipment for Income Maintenance Caseworkers performing tasks in the NC FAST system. Equipment purchased will be reimbursed at a 75% Federal participation rate.

Commissioner Liner moved to approve the budget amendment, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Dacey and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

DSS Admin 7201

101-7211-349-19-00	\$13,388.00	101-7201-450-32-40	\$26,777.00
Inc Maint Staff & Overhead		Other Supplies	
101-0000-399-01-00	\$13,389.00		
Fund Balance			
TOTAL	\$26,777.00	TOTAL	\$26,777.00

Justification: Request to roll forward additional Medicaid revenue that was approved in the March 16, 2015 budget amendment for the transformation of the Vanceboro Work Release Center into a record storage site. The vendor that was chosen to provide the shelving units for the project failed to meet requirements and deadlines for the project. Unfortunately, there was not time in FY 14-15 to order shelving from another vendor.

Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the budget amendment, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: RECREATION – PLAYGROUND UPDATE AND REQUEST

Assistant Recreation Director, Billy Wilkes, presented a resolution in support of building an inclusive playground at Creekside Park. This is a requirement to apply for a non-matching grant through East Carolina Behavioral Health. The grant is called a “Play Together Construction Grant” and the deadline is July 31st. Mr. Wilkes explained that \$100,000 has been allocated in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The total cost of the project is \$175,000 - \$200,000 and they have gained \$35,000-\$40,000 in smaller grants and donations. The project needs to be accomplished within the fiscal year and the equipment order must be placed within six months. Commissioner Liner expressed concern for the possibility that the funding may not be adequate. Mr. Wilkes stated that the project can be built at varying levels, and in stages. Commissioner McCabe moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and carried with five (5) “ayes”, there being one (1) “nay” from Commissioner Liner.

**RESOLUTION
Supporting Application for
“Play Together Construction Grant”**

WHEREAS, Craven County is home to a diverse population as well as a popular destination for visitors; and

WHEREAS, Craven County takes pride in its vast array of family-friendly resources for its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Creekside Park was conceived and developed as a centrally located recreational facility to meet the wide ranging recreational needs of the larger Craven County community; and

WHEREAS, Craven County desires to provide increased accessibility to the park by adding more ADA features.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners supports the concept of an inclusive playground at Creekside Park, and authorizes the Recreation Department to apply to East Carolina Behavioral Health (ECBH) for a “Play Together Construction Grant” for this purpose in the application cycle ending July 31, 2015.

Adopted this 6th day of July, 2015.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: CARTS

Request for Public Hearing

CARTS Transportation Director, Kelly Walker, reported that the Transportation Development Plan for CARTS has been completed. The plan tries to guide CARTS in how to reach/keep as much self-sufficiency as possible.

The plan recommends that in order to maintain where CARTS is now financially, CARTS needs to look at changing the price structure to agencies that contract with CARTS as well as the prices charged to the public passenger in the Urban area. The changes CARTS is undergoing are a direct result of the designation of the urbanized area. It is within the urbanized area that funding streams change. The federal match on grants is not as favorable as the state rural grants previously used to serve the same area. Federal requirements are that systems have a plan or policy in place that is followed regarding any proposed fare increases or reduction in service. The CARTS policy on the Public Comment Process for Fare Increases and Major Service Reduction requires that we hold a public hearing and consider any public comments in determining whether to implement the proposed changes. Based on the recommendation by the TDP, CARTS is proposing a fare increase in the urbanized area and to agencies paying a shared cost per mile for services provided. We are not proposing a service reduction.

A copy of the Final Report and TDP action plan will be provided at the meeting. CARTS is requesting to set a public hearing to be held at the next meeting. CARTS will also be prepared to make a quick presentation about the TDP prior to the public hearing. In the interim, CARTS will be holding public information meetings throughout the urbanized area. The Board has a schedule of those meetings. The schedule will also be made available to the public through various resources including but not limited to: the CARTS webpage, e-mail notifications, informational flyers, and newspaper advertisement.

Commissioner Dacey moved to set a public hearing for August 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., as requested, seconded by Commissioner Liner and unanimously carried.

Request for approval to Enter into Memorandum of Agreement with the North Carolina State Board of Elections

Craven Area Rural Transit System (CARTS), as well as other public transportation systems, were contacted by the North Carolina State Board of Elections (NCSBE) to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for the purchase of transportation services.

Ms. Walker explained that the purpose is for obtaining photo identification acceptable for voting. The NCSBE will be responsible for arranging the transportation services on behalf of the passenger. NCSBE will be considered an agency contract, and billed accordingly.

Commissioner Dacey inquired if recent legislation affects this agreement. Ms. Walker responded that the State Board of Elections will determine eligibility. There is no time limit known.

Commissioner Liner stated that bulk rate ticket price is lower than for own CARTS riders and all holidays are not listed. Ms. Walker responded that a template was used. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Dacey. Commissioner Jones moved to defer consideration until the Board's next scheduled meeting, seconded by Commissioner Liner and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Jones stated that he cannot see adding this burden to CARTS.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: SOLID WASTE – TEMPORARY DISASTER DEBRIS MAINTENANCE SITE

The Craven County Solid Waste Department currently has three (3) Temporary Disaster Debris Management sites approved by the NCDENR: Creekside Park site located centrally adjacent to Creekside Recreation Park, the Weyerhaeuser Satellite Woodyard site located in the western area of Craven County adjacent to the Weyerhaeuser Plant and the Harlowe site located in the eastern area of Craven County near the intersection of Highway 101 and Blades Road.

Solid Waste Director, Rusty Cotton, explained that in 2011 Craven County entered into a self-renewing Storm Debris Storage Agreement with Rudolph F. Taylor for use of his property near the intersection of Highway 101 and Blades Road for depositing and stockpiling storm debris. The agreement states that the County shall pay Mr. Taylor \$500 per month or any portion of a month that the County shall utilize the site as a debris disposal site, subject to a two (2) month minimum if utilized.

In May of 2015 Mr. Taylor notified the County that he would like to terminate or modify the existing agreement, asking that the County pay \$100 per month during the new term of this agreement with no increase in cost should the County utilize the site as a debris disposal site.

Commissioner Dacey moved to authorize the agreement under the revised terms, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Fire Tax Commissioners: Chris Wetherington

The Board was advised of the expiring term of Chris Wetherington on the Fire Tax Commission. Commissioner Jones nominated Mr. Wetherington for reappointment. There being no additional nominees, Mr. Wetherington was reappointed by acclamation.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council: James Anderson, Amy Bryant, Marisa Byer, Eddie Games, Catherine Hardison, Michelle Jerome, Robert Keeter, Jennifer Knight, Tony Lee, Mary Mallard, Billy Mathis, Carlton Metts, Tracy Monk, Clint Rowe, Jackie Smith

Commissioner Dacey moved to reappointment James Anderson, Amy Bryant, Marisa Byer, Eddie Games, Catherine Hardison, Michelle Jerome, Robert Keeter, Tony Lee, Mary Mallard, Billy Mathis, Carlton Metts, Tracy Monk, Clint Rowe and Jackie Smith to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried. Ms. Knight has served more than ten years and will need to be replaced by a representative of the business community. Appointment to fill this vacancy was deferred.

Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board

Commissioner Jones nominated Anthony Cruz for appointment to the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board and William Green and John Wilson for reappointment. There being no additional nominees, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Green and Mr. Wilson were appointed by acclamation.

Craven County ABC Board

The Board was advised of the expiring term of Carol Crayton on the Craven County ABC Board. Commissioner Jones moved to reappoint Ms. Crayton for a three year term to expire in June 2018. There being no additional nominees, Ms. Crayton was reappointed by acclamation.

Voting Delegate – NCACC Annual Conference

Commissioners Jones, Liner, McCabe and Sampson registered for the NCACC Annual Conference. Commissioner McCabe volunteered to be the voting delegate representing Craven County.

Upcoming Appointments

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

August

- Craven Community Child Protection Team
- Adult Care Home Advisory Committee
- EMS Advisory Council
- Firemen's Relief Fund

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Initial Offer to Purchase Real Property – 807 Cedar Street (#8-007-262)

Count Attorney, Jim Hicks, presented an offer received by Craven County and the City of New Bern for the property located at 807 Cedar Street, in the amount of \$1,500.00.

The property was acquired through a tax foreclosure. The total taxes and costs that were foreclosed on were \$11,855.16 and that current tax value is \$3,760.00. The City of New Bern has approved the offer. Commissioner Dacey moved to accept the offer and advertise for upset bids, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Initial Officer to Purchase Real Property – 1021 Lees Avenue (#8-006-172)

Mr. Hicks presented an offer received by Craven County and the City of New Bern for the property located at 1021 Lees Avenue, in the amount of \$4,403.00. The property was acquired through a tax foreclosure. The total taxes and costs that were foreclosed on were \$4,402.44 and the current tax value is \$34,730.00. Commissioner Sampson moved to accept the offer and advertise for upset bids, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Transfer of 1504 North Hills Drive (#8-063-033) to the City of New Bern

Mr. Hicks presented property located at 1504 North Hills Drive, New Bern, acquired by Craven County through a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), which is a Federal grant program that provides funds to counties for the purpose of purchasing parcels from individuals that have suffered repetitive loss due flooding. The County used the HMGP funds to purchase the property from Ryan Spellman on October 9, 2014 for \$93,000.

Prior to the County obtaining ownership of the property, the County and the City of New Bern entered into an informal agreement, whereby the County agreed to apply for HMGP funds to purchase the property with the understanding that it would subsequently be conveyed to the City, and the City would thereafter maintain the property in compliance with Federal regulations applicable under the HMGP.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) has approved the County’s proposed transfer of the subject parcel to the City, and the City has also adopted a resolution agreeing to accept the property, and to be bound by the applicable deed restrictions. The Federal regulations pursuant to which the County initially obtained title to the subject parcel require the County to retain a conservation easement over the subject parcel for the purpose of requiring that the City use the property for purposes consistent with applicable Federal regulations (e.g. parks, wetland management, nature reserve and buffer zone).

Commissioner Dacey moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION

1504 North Hills Drive (#8-063-033)
Conveyance of Interests to City of New Bern

THAT WHEREAS, Craven County (the “County”) acquired title to certain property more commonly referred to as 1504 North Hills Drive, New Bern, North Carolina, and further identified as Tax Parcel Number 8-063-033 (the “Real Property”), through a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (“HMGP”), which is a Federal grant program that provides funds to counties for the purpose of purchasing parcels from individuals that have suffered repetitive loss due to flooding; and

WHEREAS, prior to the County obtaining ownership of the Real Property, the County and the City of New Bern (the “City”) entered into an informal agreement, whereby the County agreed to apply for HMGP funds to purchase the Real Property with the understanding that it would subsequently be conveyed to the City, and the City would thereafter maintain the property in compliance with the current deed restrictions and Federal regulations applicable under the HMGP; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) has approved the County’s proposed transfer of the Real Property to the City, and the City has also adopted a resolution agreeing to accept the Real Property, and to be bound by the applicable deed restrictions and conservations easements referenced therein.

The Federal regulations pursuant to which the County initially obtained title to the Real Property require the County to retain a conservation easement over the Real Property for the purpose of requiring that the City use the property for purposes consistent with applicable Federal regulations (e.g. parks, wetland management, nature reserve and buffer zone); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is authorized to convey the County's interest in the Real Property to the City, "upon such terms and conditions as it deems wise, with or without consideration", pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §160A-274; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners deems it advisable and in the best interest of the County to convey its interest in the Real Property to the City by quitclaim deed.

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

Section 1. That the Real Property be conveyed to the City, by quitclaim deed and subject to the deed restrictions and conservation easement referenced therein, without cash consideration.

Section 2. That the Chairman, County Manager and/or Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Brick Campaign

County Manager, Jack Veit, requested a motion of support on behalf of Buy a Brick Campaign of the Recreation Department, with funds to go towards the development of the inclusive playground at Creekside Park. The campaign will run through the end of November and will give individuals the opportunity to buy a brick in honor or memory of someone. Commissioner Jones moved to support the campaign, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and carried with five (5) "ayes", there being one (1) "nay" from Commissioner Liner.

Appointment of Tax Collector

Mr. Veit advised the Board that the term of Craven County Tax Assessor, Ronnie Antry, was due to expire. Commissioner Dacey nominated Mr. Antry for another four year term, seconded by Commissioner Liner and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

July 20, 2015 Commissioners' Meeting

Mr. Veit noted that typically the second meeting in July does not have a strong agenda due to the travel schedules of some of the Commissioners. He recommended that the meeting of July 20, 2015 be cancelled. Commissioner McCabe moved to cancel the July 20, 2015 Commissioners' meeting, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

NACo Conference

Mr. Veit announced that he will be attending the NACo Conference in Charlotte and stated that he is particularly interested in the mental health session.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner McCabe commented that he felt blessed to have his mother in attendance at the July 4 fireworks display.

Commissioner Sampson stated that he was glad to see gas prices stabilizing somewhat. He cited a large medical bill from the jail that was not discussed. He expressed thanks to the citizens of Craven County.

Commissioner Liner announced a Town Hall meeting in his district on July 14 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. He stated that every individual has a right to say what is on their mind. He feels that the COLA is a cost of living allowance and disagrees that it should only be for social security recipients.

Commissioner Jones announced Dr. Barnwell's retirement party will be held in the DSS Board room on July 10. He commented on citizens' concerns about Interfaith Refugee Services and some misconceptions. He recommended inviting Director, Susan Husson, to a meeting for an update. He announced that he met with Greenbriar POA and updated on matters concerning the County, and he is submitting material for their newsletter on a regular basis.

Commissioner Dacey agreement with Commissioner Dacey regarding the Interfaith Refugee Services and has found that within six months resettled refugees are gainfully employed and contributing members of the community. He announced a Town Hall meeting at Trent Woods on July 16th.

Chairman Tyson noted in regards to the consent agenda item relative to the Tuscarora proclamation, that he read the book Tuscarora Indian War, and is fascinated with the subject, as well as other aspects of local history.

At 10:05 p.m. Commissioner McCabe moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-381.11(a)(6), seconded by Commissioner Sampson.

At 10:17 p.m. the Board returned to regular session, with no action to report.

At 10:18 p.m. Commissioner McCabe moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

Chairman Steve Tyson
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board