

**AGENDA
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015
8:30 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

1. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2015 REGULAR SESSION
2. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Sale of Property at Industrial Park
 - B. FY2017 5311 Community Transportation Grant Application

3. WATER TREATMENT FACILITY UPDATE: Chris Windley, McKim & Creed

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

4. CARTS – BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST: Kelly Walker, CARTS Director
5. HEALTH: Scott Harrelson, Health Director
 - A. Hospice Update
 - B. New Hospice Fees
6. TAX: Ronnie Antry, Tax Administrator
 - A. Presentation of 2016 Schedule of Values
 - B. Releases and Refunds
7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Timothy Downs, Economic Development Director
 - A. Quarterly Economic Development Update
 - B. N.C. Works Certified Work Ready Community Announcement
8. GIS – DEMONSTRATION OF WEBSITE LINK: Lou Valenti, GIS Administrator and Dennis Holton, Information Technology Director

9. EMERGENCY SERVICES
 - A. Harlowe Volunteer Fire Department Fire Truck Purchase: Milton Everette, President
 - B. Little Swift Creek Volunteer Fire Department Pumper Tanker Purchase: Jeffery Norman, Chief
10. FINANCE – POLICY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT MATCHES:
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 OCTOBER 19, 2015. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

Following an invocation by Commissioner Sampson and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Jones asked to add a New Bern/Craven Rescue request under item #9, Emergency Services matters. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2015 REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2015 regular session, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Sale of Property at Industrial Park

Economic Development Director, Timothy Downs, briefed the Board on the sale of Lot 18, a 23 acre parcel for which BSH had previously received right of first refusal. BSH has extended an offer to purchase the parcel for \$23,000. The value of the parcel is \$460,000. The parcel is being sought for an expansion of BSH central distribution center, which is expected to generate 566 new jobs over five years, and a \$100M investment over the same period, resulting in stimulation and stabilization of the local economy.

At 8:32 a.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, seconded by Commissioner McCabe. There were no citizens who wished to speak and at 8:36 a.m. Commissioner Dacey moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried.

FY2017 5311 Community Transportation Program Grant Application

The Board was requested to go into public hearing to receive public comments and request authorization for Craven Area Rural Transit System (CARTS) to apply for the FY2017 5311 Community Transportation Program (CPT) grant through the North Carolina Department of Transportation/Public Transportation Division (NCDOT/PTD).

At 8:37 a.m. Commissioner Mark moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, seconded by Commissioner Liner. There were no citizens from the public who wished to speak and at 8:38 a.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the grant application, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY UPDATE

Chris Windley of McKim & Creed, the engineering consulting firm responsible for the design and construction administration of the County’s Potable Water Supply and Treatment Facilities project, provided a construction progress report. He reported that the construction is approximately 50% complete and approximately 52% of the entire contract time has expired. The estimated timeline for completion is as follows:

- All Division I work complete in July 2016 (water treatment plant)
- All Division II work complete in January 2016 (raw water production wells)
- All Division III work complete in November 2015 (off site line work)
- Start-up and commissioning in August 2016
- Ready for finished service October 2016

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: CARTS – BUDGET AMENDMENTS

CARTS Director, Kelly Walker, presented the following budget amendments to reflect the ROAP (Rural Operating Assistance Program) allocation amounts for Craven, Jones, and Pamlico counties recently released by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). Commissioner Dacey moved to approve the following budget amendments, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Transportation Grants (CARTS)

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-7026-348-26-00 Craven Gen Transportation	\$ (2,139.00)	101-7026-450-39-25 Co System Transportation	\$ (2,139.00)
101-7026-348-34-00 Jones Co Transportation	\$(82.00)	101-7026-450-39-50 Jones Co Transportation	\$(82.00)
101-7026-348-43-00 Pamlico Co Transportation	\$ 1,256.00	101-7026-450-39-51 Pamlico Co Transportation	\$ 1,256.00
101-7028-349-11-00 Co System Transportation	\$(10,699.00)	101-7028-450-39-25 Co System Transportation	\$(10,699.00)
101-7028-348-34-00 Jones Co Transportation	\$(540.00)	101-7028-450-39-50 Jones Co Transportation	\$(540.00)
101-7028-348-43-00 Pamlico Co Transportation	\$ 134.00	101-7028-450-39-51 Pamlico Co Transportation	\$ 134.00
101-7024-348-21-00 EDTAP Craven	\$(375.00)	101-7024-450-39-25 EDTAP Craven	\$(375.00)
TOTAL	\$(12,445.00)	TOTAL	\$(12,445.00)

Justification: NCDOT/PTD adjusted FY 2016 ROAP-EDTAP, RGP, and EMPL funds according to NC legislative action. This budget amendment will match the line items with the FY 2016 ROAP allocations.

Transportation CARTS

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-7002-368-13-00 General Public - Craven	\$(2,139.00)	101-7001-450-31-01 Regular Vehicle Expense	\$(12,311.00)
101-7002-368-14-00 General Public Jones	\$(82.00)		
101-7002-368-15-00 General Public – Pamlico	\$ 1,256.00		
101-7002-368-28-00 Craven Employment	\$(10,699.00)		

101-7002-369-33-00 \$(540.00)
 Jones Employment
 101-7002-369-38-00 \$ 134.00
 Pamlico Employment
 101-7002-368-02-00 \$(375.00)
 EDTAP Craven
 101-7002-369-50-00 \$(26.00)
 EDTAP – Jones

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: HEALTH

Hospice Update

As requested by the Board during the development of the FY2015-16 budget, Health Director, Scott Harrelson, presented the quarterly hospice update over the past three months:

- The average patient census increased from 18 to 30 plus
- Billable days of care increased from 816 to 1,000
- Average length of stay went from 46 days to 60 days
- Medicare rate increased from \$136.57 - \$145.37, and will go to \$167.76 on January 1, 2016
- Revenues: Profit margins increased from \$3,000 - \$35,000; Medicare will continue to reimburse at the current level up to a 60 day length of stay but will drop off after day 60. The medical community is starting to refer patients earlier, partly attributable to there being a medical director, which has been responsible for the increase in the average length of stay.

New Hospice Fees

Mr. Harrelson presented the following new hospice billing rates for approval to be effective October 1, 2015 with a second rate change request for Hospice Routine Care on January 1, 2016. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the following rates, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Reason: Statistical re-classification from rural to urban; yearly increase in Medicare Daily Rate for Hospice Services; Calendar year 2016 Tiered Payment System (based on days on service).

1. Effective October 1, 2015:

Current Billing Rates: \$140 per day Routine Hospice; \$35 per hour Continuous Home Care; \$150 per day Inpatient Respite Care; \$625 per day General Inpatient Care

Medicare Reimbursement Rates: \$145.17 per day Routine Hospice; \$35.30 per hour Continuous Home Care; \$153.83 per day Inpatient Respite Care; \$650.83 per day General Inpatient Rate

Medicaid Reimbursement Rates: \$145.36 per day Routine Hospice; \$35.31 per hour Continuous Home Care; \$161.92 per day Inpatient Respite Care; \$650.83 per day General Inpatient Rate

Proposed New Billing Rates: \$148 per day Routine Hospice; \$36 per hour Continuous Home Care; \$165 per day Inpatient Respite Care; \$664 per day General Inpatient Care

2. Effective January 1, 2016

Medicare Reimbursement Rate: \$167.54 per day Routine Hospice

Medicaid Reimbursement Rate: \$167.76 per day Routine Hospice

Proposed New Billing Rate: \$171.00 per day Routine Hospice

(Note: There will be no change to the Continuous Home Care, Inpatient Respite Care, and General Inpatient rates on January 1, 2016.)

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: TAX

Presentation of 2016 Schedule of Values

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, presented the completed schedule of values to the Craven County Board of Commissioners. These documents provide the framework by which the general reappraisal of all real property will be made effective January 1, 2016.

He indicated that it will be available for public inspection in the Tax Assessor’s Office and on the County website.

The Board was requested to conduct a public hearing on the proposed schedules, standards and rules on November 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Two weeks after that date on November 16, the Board will be requested to consider adoption of the schedules, and following adoption notice must be published on November 17th and 24th as well as December 1st and 8th.

Mr. Antry explained that after adoption, there is a 30 day period for taxpayer’s to appeal to the Property Tax Commission. Commissioner Liner asked that the schedule be highlighted on the website, and began to identify specific groups to reach out to with the information, such as municipalities and realtors. The County Manager indicated that he will forward a link to the document to the municipal clerks in the county.

Commissioner Dacey moved to set a public hearing for November 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., as requested, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried.

Tax Releases and Refunds

Mr. Antry presented the following tax releases and refunds for the Board’s approval. He explained a large release request for Mr. Sebastien Coste in the amount of \$18,753.00 for taxes assessed on a 53’ Hatteras Yacht that was inadvertently valued as a 2014 model at \$1,870,000. The vessel is actually a 1972 model that should have been valued at \$107,894. The difference in value resulted in the request for the release to correct the error. The County tax release request was \$9,061.64 and the municipal amount for Bridgeton was \$9,961.58.

Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the following tax releases and refunds, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
ALLIGOOD, GRACE SENIOR EXCLUSION REMOVED IN ERROR	2015-0000841	\$462.40
AVERY, ROBERT TERRY DWELLING NOT LIVEABLE	2015-0002129	\$36.00
BARNETT, WALLACE E SR NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2015	2015-0090581	\$36.87
BELANGIA LLC DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2010	2015-0003950	\$36.00
COSTE, SEBASTIEN CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2015-0090363	\$18,753.22
DAVENPORT, BERT BOAT TAXED IN CARTERET COUNTY	2015-0090674	\$267.58

DAWSON, WILLIAM T & JULIE RECYCLE CHARGED IN ERROR	2015-0014298	\$34.59
FORNES, LENNIE M & POLSON, CRY SENIOR EXCLUSION REMOVED IN ERROR	2015-0019257	\$366.76
GABIER, DAN MILITARY EXEMPTION	2015-0090385	\$50.35
GE CAPITAL INFORMATION TECH SO CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2015-0021237	\$2,002.99
HARRIS, DOLLIE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2006-0023747	\$143.49
HARRIS, DOLLIE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2007-0024446	\$67.23
HARRIS, DOLLIE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2008-0024881	\$63.98
HARRIS, DOLLIE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2009-0024949	\$282.73
HARRIS, DOLLIE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2010-0022771	\$54.70
HARRIS, DOLLIE HRS FORECLOSURE - -LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2011-0025223	\$51.66
HARRIS, DOLLIE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2012-0025080	\$48.52
HARRIS, DOLLIE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0024198	\$39.34
HARRIS, DOLLIE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2014-0024849	\$36.34
HARRIS, DOLLIE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2015-0025042	\$29.57
HODGE, RONALD GRAY JR BOAT VALUE CORRECTION	2015-0027244	\$63.27
HOOD, DANILE & SHARRON CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2015-0027689	\$33.10
KEYES, CLIFTON EARL JR NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2013	2013-0094937	\$6.38
KOONCE, LINSTER JUNIOR DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 99687	2015-0032757	\$416.13
MANN, RONALD BOAT VALUE CORRECTION	2015-0090420	\$4,285.84
MARTIN, WILLIAM THOMAS JR DID NOT OWN 1/1/2015	2015-0036945	\$25.92

NEW BERN BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION EXEMPT PER NCGS 105-278.3	2015-0042434	\$481.11
PETERSON, JONATHAN DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 90584	2015-0090521	\$1,225.36
PHILLIPS, DANNY LEE & DEBORAH DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 94239	2015-0090428	\$86.80
PRATHER, JOHN MILITARY EXEMPTION	2015-0090694	\$139.89
RAMANYA VIHARA INC EXEMPT PER NCGS 105-278.3	2015-0047450	\$489.26
RHEM , NERDIE ELLIS HRS BUILDING MOVED TO PID 8-013-190-A	2015-0048263	\$172.27
RHODES, LEN BOAT VALUE CORRECTION	2015-0090436	\$197.45
ROUND, KENNETH D & DENISE M MILITARY EXCLUSION	2015-0049762	\$32.85
SIMPSON, CALVIN L DID NOT OWN 1/1/2013	2013-0095222	\$120.80
SIMPSON, CALVIN L DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0091157	\$130.31
VANDERMEER, MARIANNE DID NOW OWN 1/1/2015	2015-0059086	\$612.28
VINCENT, LOLITA VALUE ERROR CORRECTION	2015-0059381	\$17.93
WALSH, JOAN C NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2012	2012-0091294	\$107.02
WALSH, JOAN C NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2013	2013-0095345	\$185.75
WALSH, JOAN C OUT OF BUSINESS 1/1/2014	2014-0093101	\$171.59
WOOTEN, SHIRLEY H DWELLING VACANT	2015-0064315	\$36.00
YARMAN, BAN DID NOW OWN 1/1/2015	2015-0090478	\$90.15

43 – CREDIT MEMO (S) \$31,991.78

Refunds

VINCENT, LOLITA VALUE ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0059144	\$20.26
VINCENT, LOLITA VALUE ERROR CORRECTION	2012-0059104	\$19.16

VINCENT, LOLITA VALUE ERROR CORRECTION	2013-0091257	\$18.69
VINCENT, LOLITA VALUE ERROR CORRECTION	2014-0058016	\$17.60
	4 – REFUND (S)	\$75.71

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Quarterly Economic Development Update

Craven County Economic Development Director, Timothy Downs, presented the following update on economic development activities in the County over the last quarter.

- 1) The C100 Alliance Capital campaign goal was set at \$1.2M over five years; currently \$1.3M in commitments from 40 investors has been secured
- 2) The Industrial Park infrastructure plan is well underway. A plan is being developed for parcels adjacent to the airport. There have been 27 site selection requests since the last update. The state budget now has certainty in regard to incentives
- 3) Expansion of existing business has been progressing well
- 4) Small business and entrepreneurial development continues to drive the development of 509 Broad Street.
- 5) Gary Salamido, Vice President of Government Affairs for the N.C. Chamber, was introduced and spoke about progress made in the area of workforce development.

N.C. Works Certified Work Ready Community Announcement

Mr. Downs announced that he will join the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, the North Carolina Chamber Foundation, and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, as well as community partners, Craven Community College, Craven County Schools, the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board, and local chambers of commerce to present to the Board the County’s recently awarded certification as a NC Works Certified Work Ready Community. This designation is an important milestone for Craven County. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Lane Mills, stated that only seven counties statewide have designation.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: GIS – DEMONSTRATION OF WEBSITE LINK

Lou Valenti, GIS Administrator, demonstrated the process that he developed to display Craven County owned properties available for purchase via the website. These properties have been acquired by the County through various avenues such as trades with other agencies, foreclosures, donations and grants. Properties appearing on this offering are controlled by the County Manager’s Office and interested parties are directed to contact the County Manager’s Office for additional information or purchasing requirements.

He stated that links to this offering will be placed on any of the County web pages which Commissioners or Administration desire, along with additional information regarding contacts, instructions and requirements.

Currently there are 30 properties owned solely by the County, and one owned jointly by Craven County and Cove City. There are 90 owned jointly by Craven County and the City of New Bern.

Chairman Tyson requested that instructions be added on how to submit an offer.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: EMERGENCY SERVICES

Harlowe Volunteer Fire Department Truck Purchase

Milton Everett, President of Harlowe Volunteer Fire Department, presented information concerning the department's intent to purchase a truck in order to comply with the contract between the department and the County. The department will be replacing a 1982 International Truck at a price of \$349,436.60, with financing from First Citizens Bank in the amount of \$200,000. He stated that a tax increase or additional funding from the County would not be needed.

Rescue 30 (New Bern/Craven Rescue)

Patrick Wetherington, President of Rescue 30, advised the Board of an intended purchase of a 2016 Wheeled Coach Ambulance for a price of \$139,127. The financing will be \$100,000, with a trade-in. The term of the loan is for 5 years.

Commissioner Jones requested to allow EMS Director, Stanley Kite, and County Manager, Jack Veit, to consult with Mr. Wetherington, as the financing offer is good for 15 days. It was the consensus to move forward with the purchase if Mr. Veit and Mr. Kite are satisfied after their review.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: FINANCE – POLICY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT MATCHES

During the budget workshops the Board asked staff to develop a policy to be used to determine volunteer fire departments' eligibility to receive a match from the County for Department of Insurance grants received by the departments. Data was compiled for each squad to assist in determining the parameters for eligibility.

The following steps were recommended to be used by the Board of Commissioners in determining if Department of Insurance grants to fire departments will be matched by the County:

- 1) Each year the Board must first decide if the County will match any grants. This decision should be made early in the budget development timeframe to be effective for the grants applied for in January. This will allow the departments to know whether a match is available prior to their applying. The grant cycle is: applications in January, notifications in May and funds spent by September. In the budget workshops normally held in May, the Board would include the appropriation for the matches based on notification by the State in May. The match would be paid to the department after invoices obtained and this may occur in the following year, after the department has received their money from the State which may require it to be carried over.
- 2) Volunteer fire departments with an estimated property valuation of less than \$300,000,000 are eligible to be considered for a match if the current tax rate is more than \$.05 per \$100 of valuation. (Revaluations will require these amounts to be adjusted.)
- 3) Cash available to the departments will also be considered as will the amount of fund balance held for the departments by the County.
- 4) Departments with cash balances over \$100,000 will be required to explain the purpose for this amount of cash being accumulated before being approved for a match.
- 5) Additionally the Board may require the department to use the fund balance on the County's books as the match if it is sufficient to do so.
- 6) Departments which do not meet the eligibility requirements in (2) above may submit a request for a grant match if they have extenuating circumstances which justify the match.

Commissioner Dacey moved to approve the policy, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried. Commissioner Dacey noted that "extenuating circumstances" may not be clearly defined. Commissioner Liner stated that he favors a concept of guidelines versus policy because policy is more restrictive.

APPOINTMENTS

Adult Care Home Advisory Committee: Jessica James, Mystre Van Horn

It was the consensus of the Board that these appointments be deferred.

Craven Community Child Protection Team: Dawn Gibson

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

Upcoming Appointments

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

November

- Firemen's Relief Fund
- Agricultural Advisory Committee

December

- EMS Advisory Council
- Health Board
- Cove City Library Board
- Commissioners' Appointments

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Initial Offer to Purchase Real Property – 1040 Kite Town Road, Vanceboro (#1-042-6004)

County Attorney, Jim Hicks, reported that the County has received an offer in the amount of \$15,000 for the property at 1040 Kite Town Road, which was acquired through a Crisis Housing Assistance Fund (CHAF) grant. The property owner subsequently defaulted under the terms of the program.

Commissioner Sampson moved to adopt the following resolution to accept the offer and advertise for upset bids in accordance with the General Statutes, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION

THAT WHEREAS, Craven County has received an offer to purchase a parcel of property owned by it identified as 1040 Kite Town Road, Vanceboro NC, Tax Parcel Number 1-042-6004, and more particularly described in Deed Book 2995 at Page 653 in the Craven County Registry (hereinafter the "Real Property"), a copy of said offer is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sell the County's interest in the property pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statute §160A-269.

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

1. That the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the initiation of the upset bid process for the Real Property by advertising notice of the offer to purchase in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute §160A-269.

2. That the County Manager, Clerk and/or Attorney are authorized to take all actions necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.

*Final Acceptance – Offer to Purchase Real Property – 612 Murphy Drive, Cove City
(Parcel Number 3-C-007-003)*

The County and Town of Cove City previously received and tentatively approved an offer in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the property at 612 Murphy Drive, Cove City, which was acquired through a tax foreclosure. The total taxes and costs that were foreclosed on were \$1,328.26. The current tax value is \$77,910.00. The offer was advertised, and there were no upset bids. Commissioner Mark moved to adopt the following resolution giving final approval of the sale, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION

Tax Parcel Number 3-C-007-003052-088, Craven County, North Carolina

THAT WHEREAS, Craven County has received an offer to purchase a parcel of property owned by the County, identified as Tax Parcel Number 3-C-007-003, and being more particularly described herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sell the County's interest in the property pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §160A-269; and

WHEREAS, the offer to purchase was advertised as required by said statute; and

WHEREAS, the offer to purchase was in the sum of \$1,500.00 by Wilbert Lee Crouell; that no increased bids were received that were not otherwise timely withdrawn; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners deems it advisable and in the best interest of the County to sell its interest in the subject property to the successful bidder and to convey its interest in said property by quitclaim deed.

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

Section 1. That the last and highest bid of Wilbert Lee Crouell in the sum of \$1,500.00 for said parcel identified as Tax Parcel Number 3-C-007-003, and being more particularly described herein, be and the same is hereby accepted as to the County's interest in said property, and the Chairman, County Manager and/or Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute a quitclaim deed to the purchasers for the County's interest in said property, and to further execute any and all other documents related to the sale of the same..

Section 2. That a copy of said quitclaim deed is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and the original deed shall be delivered to said purchaser once the same has been executed on behalf of the County, upon payment of the purchase price.

Section 3. That the subject property is more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land lying and being situate in Number One (1) Township, Craven County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

All of that certain property more fully described in Deed Book 3286 at Page 913 in the Craven County Registry. This property is also commonly referred to by its tax parcel identification number which is 3-C-007-003.

ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager, Jack Veit, announced the following upcoming revaluation meetings:

- October 20 – 6:30 p.m. at the Harlowe Community Center
- October 22 – 6:30 p.m. at Fairfield Harbour Community Center

He also announced that Wednesday, October 21 at 1:00 p.m., Governor McCrory will be at Lenoir Community College for a signing ceremony, and reminded Commissioners that a R.S.V.P is required.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Sampson stated that he is enthusiastic about the economic development report. He has been working on a re-entry program for employment opportunities geared toward recently incarcerated individuals, and Carteret County is setting up training programs. He stated that Craven County is in the process of organizing the program and hopes to receive some federal funds. He advocates giving children a good education and feels that Smart Start is a good initiative, starting them out early. He reported that he and Commissioner Dacey met with Mark Best at Craven Community College continuing education to discuss this initiative.

Commissioner Dacey stated that he has learned a lot about new perspectives through meetings regarding the re-entry program. He stated that a circular problem exists with jails, employment opportunities and mental health issues within the jail population. He announced that he will conduct a Town Hall meeting in Trent Woods on October 29 from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Liner thanked staff, particularly Ronnie Antry and Glenn Jones, for the Havelock revaluation informational meeting. He reported that the Chili festival was very successful with a record turnout. He reported on his attendance at the VIP Program at Craven Community College in Havelock and was impressed with what they are doing. He announced a Salute to Women in the military will be held on November 5 at the Havelock Tourist Center.

Commissioner Jones reported that he also participated in the VIP Program and tour at the Havelock Craven Community College campus and was very impressed.

Commissioner Mark announced a revaluation meeting for Bridgeton, Ernul, Truitt and Fairfield Harbour on October 22. He reported the Highway 17 Association is in the reorganization stage and has reached out to the Highway 64 initiative for collaboration. A committee name change will be likely.

At 10:45 a.m. Commissioner McCabe moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Chairman Steve Tyson
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board