

**AGENDA
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

1. PETITIONS OF CITIZENS
2. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Approval of December 21, 2015 Minutes
 - B. Tax Releases and Refunds
3. CRAVEN COUNTY SCHOOLS FACILITY NEEDS SURVEY: Dr. Lane Mills, Superintendent; Glenn Reaves, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

4. PLANNING – SUBDIVISION FOR APPROVAL: Chad Strawn, Assistant Planning Director
5. FINANCE – PAMLICO SOUND HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN BUDGET ORDINANCE: Craig Warren, Finance Director
6. APPOINTMENTS
7. COUNTY ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Aaron Arnette, County Attorney Associate
8. COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT: Jack Veit
9. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS
10. 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 JANUARY 4, 2016. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Jack B. Veit III, County Manager
 Gene Hodges, Assistant County Manager
 Craig Warren, Finance Director
 Amber Parker, Human Resources Director
 Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
 Aaron Arnette, County Attorney Representative

Following an invocation by Commissioner Mark and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Mark moved to approve the agenda with the removal of item #3, Craven County Schools Facility Needs Survey, to be deferred until January 19, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Kim Fink, 646 Goose Creek Road, referred to an article regarding federal grants, which are costly to the taxpayer.

Ray Griffin, 1981 Streets Ferry Road, spoke about democrats and gay rights and asked that the Board consider term limits for Commissioners.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of December 21, 2015 Minutes

Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the minutes of December 21, 2015 regular session and December 21, 2015 Water Board minutes, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Tax Releases and Refunds

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

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
ARGETSINGER, DENNIS P DID NOT OWN 1/1/2014	2015-0091721	\$349.34
COOPERS LANDING APARTMENTS LLC DWELLING BURNED DOWN PRIOR TO 1/15	2015-0011773	\$122.85
COOPERS LANDING APARTMENTS LLC DWELLING BURNED DOWN PRIOR TO 1/15	2015-0011774	\$122.85

COOPERS LANDING APARTMENTS LLC2015-0011775 DWELLING BURNED DOWN PRIOR TO 1/15		\$122.85
COOPERS LANDING APARTMENTS LLC2015-0011776 DWELLING BURNED DOWN PRIOR TO 1/15		\$122.85
COOPERS LANDING APARTMENTS LLC2015-0011777 DWELLING BURNED DOWN PRIOR TO 1/15		\$122.85
COOPERS LANDING APARTMENTS LLC2015-0011778 DWELLING BURNED DOWN PRIOR TO 1/15		\$122.85
COOPERS LANDING APARTMENTS LLC2015-0011779 DWELLING BURNED DOWN PRIOR TO 1/15		\$122.85
COOPERS LANDING APARTMENTS LLC20150011780 DWELLING BURNED DOWN PRIOR TO 1/15		\$122.85
CRAVEN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY I2015-0091827 RECYCLE DOUBLE BILLED IN ERROR		\$36.00
ENGEL, STEVE RELEASED TO PAMLICO COUNTY	2015-0091024	\$858.34
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC #536 CHARGED LATE FEE IN ERROR	2015-0018251	\$103.14
JOHNSON, ANDREW DOUBLE BILLED – SAME ACCOUNT	2015-0030046	\$806.32
KNIE, JOHN CURTIS CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2015-0032551	\$149.03
LAW, THOMAS J & SUSAN NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY	2015-0091797	\$1,213.10
MAJETTE, BENNIE LEE & LINDA FL DOUBLE BILLED – SEE TICKET 91799	2015-0091851	\$111.89
MALAGON, GUADALUPE DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 85651	2015-0090417	\$106.63
MCCLINTOCK, SARAH B DWELLING UNOCCUPIED SINCE 2009	2015-0037585	\$36.00
PARADIS, PASCAL CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2015-0091312	\$7,502.97
PERSKYS AIR SERVICE INC CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2015-0091805	\$145.84
PETTEWAY, MICHAEL G & ANGELA C REBILLED TO CORRECT PARCEL SPLIT	2015-0045491	\$185.17
POLICY STUDIES INC BUSINESS PROPERTY VALUE CORRECTION	2015-0091333	\$60.42
RICHARDSON, FRANK CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2015-0091694	\$1,022.22
RICHARDSON, FRANK CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2015-0091374	\$424.71

SCHNEIDER, DICK CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROERPTY VALUE	2015-0091413	\$897.49
SMITH, JAMES, E & TERRIL RECYCLE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2015-0090528	\$36.00
TAMM, WALQUIRIA & MICHAEL MILITARY EXEMPTION	2015-0091759	\$840.37
WARREN, LARRY CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2015-0091548	\$66.61
WARREN, LARRY CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2015-0091764	\$148.26
29 - CREDIT MEMO (S)		\$16,082.65

Refunds

HUMPHREY, BRIAN DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 34671	2015-0090403	\$9.67
HUMPHREY, LORI BOYD DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2011	2015-0028492	\$36.00
MORRIS, LARRY J & PAMELA M DID NOT OWN 1/1/2015	2015-0041175	\$207.15
PETTEWAY, MICHAEL G & ANGELA C REBILLED TO CORRECT PARCEL SPLIT	2015-0045491	\$360.00
PURVIS, HELEN G & SIDNEY H DWELLING CONTINUOUSLY UNOCCUPIED SINCE 2010	2011-0046980	\$36.00
PURVIS, HELEN G & SIDNEY H DWELLING CONTINUOUSLY UNOCCUPIED SINCE 2010	2012-0046828	\$36.00
PURVIS, HELEN & SIDNEY H DWELLING CONTINUOUSLY UNOCCUPIED SINCE 2010	2013-0044971	\$36.00
PURVIS, HELEN & SIDNEY H DWELLING CONTINUOUSLY UNOCCUPIED SINCE 2010	2014-0046005	\$36.00
PURVIS, HELEN & SIDNEY H DWELLING CONTINUOUSLY UNOCCUPIED SINCE 2010	2015-0047095	\$36.00
9 – REFUND (S)		\$792.82

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: PLANNING – SUBDIVISION FOR APPROVAL

Assistant Planning Director, Chad Strawn, presented the following subdivision for the Board's approval. Commissioner McCabe moved for its approval, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Croatian Crossing – Sec. 1, Ph. 2 (PUD) – Final: The property, owned by LRH Development, LLC and engineered by Avolis Engineering, PA is surveyed by Brad L. Suitt & Associates, P.A. The property is located within Twp. 6 off of Catfish Lake Road and contains 23 lots on 6.23 acres. The lots are proposed to be served by community water and community sewer. The Planning Board met on November 24 and recommended the subdivision for approval.

**DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: FINANCE – PAMLICO SOUND HAZARD
MITIGATION PLAN BUDGET ORDINANCE**

Finance Director, Craig Warren, presented the following Pamlico Sound Hazard Mitigation Plan budget ordinance for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Mark moved for its approval, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan
HMGP 1969-006
Fund 281

This ordinance is hereby approved in the following amount for expenditure of the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Expenditures:

Administration	\$	80,000.00
TOTAL	\$	80,000.00

The following revenue is hereby approved for the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Revenues:

Grant – NC Dept of Public Safety	\$	80,000.00
TOTAL	\$	80,000.00

This ordinance is hereby approved this 4th day of January, 2016.

APPOINTMENTS

Craven Community Child Protection Team: Dawn Gibson

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

Agricultural Advisory Committee: Jackie Anderson, Dale Dawson

Commissioner Jones nominated Jackie Anderson and Dale Dawson for reappointment to the Agricultural Advisory Committee. There being no additional nominations, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Dawson were reappointed by acclamation.

Upcoming Appointments

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

January - None

February

- Craven Aging Planning Board
- Community Child Protection Team
- Nursing Home Advisory Committee
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Commissioner Jones announced that Connect NC Bond Referendum will be on the primary ballot. He commended Governor McCrory and the legislature for this initiative. He stated that information can be found on the website: www.connect.nc.gov, and encouraged citizens to become familiar with the information.

He stated that \$5.3 M would be received by Craven Community College, \$90M by East Carolina University, \$85M by North Carolina State University for a Plant Science Building and \$94M for laboratories. The agricultural community supports this initiative, which requires no new tax increases.

Commissioner Tyson stated that he would support term limits for all elected officials; however, state legislation would likely be required. He expressed his intent to research the matter.

Commissioner Dacey presented a draft resolution with the following statement to address the refugee resettlement issue in the community. He requested consideration on the January 19 agenda, and stated that he will place it on his website, scottdacey.com, for review and feedback.

This evening, I am providing the members of the Craven County Board of Commissioners with a draft resolution calling upon the Interfaith Refugee Ministry to decline to assist individuals from certain countries. I would ask that the chairman place this item on the agenda for consideration at our next meeting, scheduled for January 19.

After hearing from many individuals who reside in Craven County during my monthly town-hall listening sessions and visiting with the director of Interfaith Refugee Ministry, I have come to the conclusion that the local placement of refugees from countries which pose a threat to the very existence of our society may profoundly impact the ability of the Interfaith Refugee Ministry, an organization which has been working in our community since the early 1990's, to continue to service those who have already made America their home and those who may wish to do so in the future, but pose no credible threat to our communities.

The resolution simply calls upon the Interfaith Refugee Ministry to decline accepting any refugee if that refugee is coming from a country where a significant portion of that country's territory is controlled by an organization designated by the United States State Department to be a Foreign Terrorist Organization, including the countries of Iraq, Somalia, Syria, and Yemen.

While I generally oppose the consideration of matters this board may have little ability to directly impact, this issue is different. The costs associated with the introduction of refugees into our local community are significant.

53 refugee families who currently reside in Craven County receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

87 refugee families are currently receiving Medicaid assistance

It is currently unknown exactly how many refugee visits the County Health Department receives, but we know additional expenditures have been necessary to address language concerns.

While this resolution is not intended to in any way be directed toward the Muslim community, it should be understood that our Health Department does face certain gender specific challenges as Muslim women are only to be examined by female practitioners.

I have posted a copy of this resolution on my website, scottdacey.com, and would appreciate any feedback from the public and my fellow commissioners.

He stated that he, Commissioner McCabe and County Manager, Jack Veit, recently met with the Judiciary and will report on related matters periodically.

Commissioner McCabe wished everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

Commissioner Sampson recapped the 13th Amendment anniversary celebration held on January 1. He stated the importance to live loving one another without denying rights that God has given to us. He believes what the scripture says.

Chairman Liner thanked Commissioner Dacey for the draft resolution and stated that it is time to discuss it. He reported that he gave the welcome at the 13th Amendment anniversary celebration and stated that he is in favor of term limits.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:25 p.m. Commissioner McCabe mov ed to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) for attorney client privilege, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried.

At 7:53 p.m. the Board returned to regular session with no action to report. Commissioner Tyson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Chairman George S. Liner
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board