

AGENDA
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016
8:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

1. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Minutes of January 4, 2016 for Approval
 - B. Tax Releases and Refunds
 - C. Request to Set Close-Out Public Hearing for the FY12 CDBG Infrastructure Program

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

2. HEALTH: Jennifer Blackmon, Human Services Deputy Director
 - A. Budget Amendment – Additional State Funds Awarded
 - B. New Fee Recommendations
3. SOCIAL SERVICES: Alfreda Stout, Deputy Director
 - A. Budget Amendment to Add HCCBG Funding Received
 - B. Budget Amendment to Increase Line Item Due to Anticipated Donations to the Sunshine Center
 - C. Budget Amendment – Social Services Line Item
 - D. Budget Amendment – Additional Low Income Energy Assistance Program Funding Received
4. EMERGENCY SERVICES – EMS/RESCUE GRANTS COUNTY MATCH:
Stanley Kite, Emergency Services Director
 - A. No. 9 Township Fire and Rescue
 - B. No. 7 Township Fire and Rescue
 - C. Vanceboro Rescue Squad
 - D. Ft. Barnwell Rescue Squad
5. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON REFUGEES FROM
TERRORIST NATIONS: Commissioner Dacey

6. APPOINTMENTS
7. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Jim Hicks
8. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: Jack Veit
9. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
10. RECESS TO RECONVENE IN SUPERIOR COURTROOM #1 AT 10:30 A.M.
WITH JUDGE ALFORD TO VIEW VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT PROCESS

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 JANUARY 19, 2016. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 A.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
- Jim Hicks, County Attorney

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of January 4, 2016

Commissioner Mark moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2016, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Tax Releases and Refunds

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

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
BASTIAN, TIMOTHY CORRECTED SITUS	2015-0003341	\$4.29
BOWLINES LLC DOUBLE BILLED	2015-0091839	\$8.78
BURIA, RICKY D MILITARY EXEMPTION	2015-0008111	\$163.71
CAHOON, EDA F DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 107273	2015-0091840	\$5.15
CLUCK, JAMES WILSON & VALERIE DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 25219	2015-0010943	\$260.37
COPELAND, NICHOLAS ALLEN & KIM MILITARY EXEMPTION	2015-0011821	\$76.77

DODDS, ANNE P DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 82729	2015-0091782	\$548.38
FORTUNA, JIM & JODY NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY	2015-0090383	\$1,033.10
GATTO, LESLIE LEWIS CLERICAL ERROR CORRECTION	2015-0021173	\$7.60
GREENLAW, PAUL R DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 99346	2015-0022947	\$157.38
GRONDIN, PHILIP CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2015-00941088	\$1,270.09
HAGAN, LAWRENCE F CORRECTED VALUE OF DISCOVERED PROPERTY	2015-0091097	\$580.02
HARGETT, ALLENA & OSRIC FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2015-0024515	\$70.26
HARGETT, ALLENA & OSRIC FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2014-0024361	\$254.02
HARGETT, ALLENA & OSRIC FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0023691	\$333.62
HARGETT, ALLENA & OSRIC FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2012-0024532	\$229.15
HAWKINS TILE SERVICE INC NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2015	2015-0091122	\$64.20
HOLLOWAY, DERRICK DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 4348910	2015-0027486	\$90.70
HURLEY, THOMAS PAT CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2015-0091148	\$106.05
HURLEY, THOMAS PAT CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2015-0091650	\$312.60
HURST, DAVID M AND SHARON DID NOW OWN 1/1/2015	2015-0028624	\$135.12
INNOVATIVE LAMINATIONS TIMELY LISTED IN PAMLICO COUNTY	2015-0091793	\$280.61
IPOCK, HAROLD M DID NOT OWN 1/1/2015	2015-0028937	\$10.51
IRELAND, SHERRI S QUALIFIED FOR SENIOR EXCLUSION	2015-0029121	\$368.34
JOE ALCOKE CHEVROLET DID NOT OWN 1/1/2015	2015-0090508	\$385.01
LANEGAN, TERRENCE E DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 4271920	2011-0090758	\$6.04
LOMBARDO, GENE S CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2015-0091849	\$269.88

MANSPEAKER, WESLEY JAMES & KAR DID NOT OWN 1/1/2015	2015-0091669	\$454.87
MICAL, WILLIAM KIRK CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2015-0091853	\$485.28
MONKS, CHRISTOPHER THOMAS & CH CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2015-0090097	\$505.25
MORTON, JUDY FORNES DWELLING VACANT	2015-0041331	\$36.72
NORTH CAROLINA CVS PHARMACY LL LATE LISTING FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2015-0043244	\$266.17
OGNISSANTI, SHANNON M CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2015-0043626	\$38.88
RAINEY, WILLIE S CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2015-0047431	\$54.39
RAINS, JOHN F & WANDA F DID NOT OWN DINGY ON LISTING	2015-0091806	\$542.77
SMALLWOOD, CALVIN R & BRIGITTE MILITARY EXEMPTION	2015-0091704	\$234.19
WARD, JOHN W S SITUS ERROR – TO BE REBILLED	2015-0091763	\$2,357.12
WHITFIELD, ROSANA DWELLING UNOCCUPIED SINCE 2002	2015-0062213	\$36.72
WILSON, ROY P & LYNETTE Y DID NOT OWN 1/1/2015	2015-0091573	\$87.33
YORK, LEE FRANKLIN & KATHY DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2005	2015-0064745	\$36.72
40 – CREDIT MEMO (\$)		\$12,168.16

Refunds

DELEON, JANICE JACKSON APPRAISAL ERROR CORRECTION	2015-0014550	\$26.33
GATTO, LESLIE LEWIS CLERICAL ERROR CORRECTION	2014-0090365	\$13.79
HAWKINS TILE SERVICE INC NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2014	2014-0091500	\$62.43
HOLLOWAY, DERRICK DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 4348910	2011-0027609	\$90.61
HOLLOWAY, DERRICK DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 4348910	2012-0027481	\$87.60
HOLLOWAY, DERRICK DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 4348910	2013-0026512	\$86.09

HOLLOWAY, DERRICK DOUBLE BILLED - SEE ACCT 4348910	2014-0027172	\$89.98
LANEGAN, TERRENCE E DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 4271920	2011-0090758	\$5.30
LEWIS, DONALD JOE DOUBLE BILLED PERSONAL & REAL	2011-0034344	\$79.85
LEWIS, DONALD JOE DOUBLE BILLED PERSONAL & REAL	2012-0034228	\$79.47
LEWIS, DONALD JOE DOUBLE BILLED PERSONAL & REAL	2013-0032969	\$79.28
LEWIS, DONALD JOE DOUBLE BILLED PERSONAL & REAL	2014-0033678	\$79.27
LEWIS, DONALD JOE DOUBLE BILLED PERSONAL & REAL	2015-0034286	\$79.33
OGNISSANTI, SHANNON M CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2015-0090106	\$37.08
RAINEY, WILLIE S CLERICAL ERROR CORRECTION	2011-0047284	\$60.92
RAINEY, WILLIE S CLERICAL ERROR CORRECTION	2012-0047137	\$57.41
RAINEY, WILLIE S CLERICAL ERROR CORRECTION	2013-0093144	\$55.92
RAINEY, WILLIE S CLERICAL ERROR CORRECTION	2014-0046313	\$53.42
	18 – REFUND (S)	\$1,124.08

Request to Set Close-Out Public Hearing for the FY 12 CDBG Infrastructure Program

The Craven County Planning Department requested to set a public hearing on February 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the budget and activities that have been accomplished through the County’s FY 12 CDBG Infrastructure Project. The program activities are complete and the County is in the process of closing out the grant. The total cost of activities was \$727,358.66 in CDBG Program funds, benefitting 100% low to moderate income household. Commissioner Mark moved to set a public hearing on February 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: HEALTH

Budget Amendment – Additional State Funds Awarded

Jennifer Blackmon, Human Services Deputy Director, presented the following budget amendment for the Board’s approval.

Health/Family Planning

101-6400-349-12-00	\$16,489.00	101-6400-440-32-05	\$16,489.00
State Revenues		Prescription Drugs	
TOTAL	\$16,489.00	TOTAL	\$16,489.00

Justification: Additional funding in the amount of \$16,489 has been awarded to CCHS in order to provide Family Planning services for TANF patients in order to prevent out-of-wedlock births. Funds will be used to purchase different forms of long acting contraception such as depo-provera, Implanon & Mirena IUD's. Funds to be spent by May 31, 2016.

Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the budget amendment, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and carried in a roll call vote with six (6) "ayes", there being one (1) "nay" from Commissioner Liner.

New Fee Recommendations

Ms. Blackmon presented the following new fee recommendations for approval.

1. PROCEDURE CODE/DESCRIPTION:

G0438 – Initial preventive physical examination; face-to-face visit, services limited to new beneficiary during the first 12 months of Medicare.

(G0402) Current Fee: \$0.00 Medicare Rate: \$161.16 Proposed Rate: \$239.00

Reason/Justification: With the expansion of Adult Primary Care services, we are starting to see more Medicare clients. This is a Medicare only code. It is equivalent a 99387 new preventative maintenance visit for 65+ years old (\$239.00) and a 99397.

Commissioner Dacey inquired if other communities are doing the same. Ms. Blackmon responded that they are.

Commissioner Mark moved to approve the Initial Preventative Physical Examination fee recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

2. PROCEDURE CODE/DESCRIPTION:

20526 – Therapeutic injection, carp tunnel

11201 – Remove skin tags, add-on > 15

17111 – Destruct lesion, 15 or more

(20526) Medicaid Rate: \$56.68 Medicare Rate: \$75.07 Proposed Rate: \$76.00
(11201) Medicaid Rate: \$14.05 Medicare Rate: \$18.49 Proposed Rate: \$19.00
(17111) Medicaid Rate: \$94.04 Medicare Rate: \$125.63 Proposed Rate: \$126.00

Reason/Justification:

With the expansion of Adult Primary Care services, we expect to begin providing these services.

Commissioner Mark moved to approve the Therapeutic injection, carp tunnel; Remove skin tags, add-on >15; and Destruct lesion, 15 or more fee recommendations, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: SOCIAL SERVICES

Budget Amendment to Add HCCBG Funding Received

Alfreda Stout, DSS Deputy Director, presented the following budget amendment requesting approval of additional Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funding for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. There is a 10% local match required for this funding.

DSS/CARTS/Sen Comp/Havelock

101-7221-349-27-00	\$10,723.00	101-7221-450-40-00	\$11,914.00
HCCBG in Home St		Contractual Services	
101-0000-399-01-00	\$ 1,191.00		
Fund Balance			
TOTAL	\$11,914.00	TOTAL	\$11,914.00

Justification: Additional funds awarded for the Home and Community Block Grant (HCCBG) from the Division of Aging for Fiscal Year 15/16. Funding is 90% Fed/State with a 10% required County match for DSS.

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

Budget Amendment to Increase Line Item Due to Anticipated Donations to the Sunshine Center

Ms. Stout presented the following budget amendment requesting to increase line item due to anticipated donations for the Sunshine Center, as well as funding expected from the CarolinaEast Medical Center. Commissioner Dacey asked for a brief update. Ms. Stout reported that they expanded the program this year to a second day (Tuesday). It is still private pay except donations from the hospital foundation, which pay for indigent care.

DSS 7292 Sunshine Center

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-7292-336-39-00 General Donations	\$4,400.00	101-7292-450-32-22 Donation Supplies	\$4,400.00
TOTAL	\$4,400.00	TOTAL	\$4,400.00

Justification: Increasing line item due to anticipated donations for the Sunshine Center this current fiscal year.

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

Budget Amendment – Social Services Line Item

Ms. Stout presented the following budget amendment, explaining that the County Social Services line item is utilized to pay expenses associated with mandated Adult Protective Services and Guardianship cases. The Craven County Department of Social Services provides service on average to 50 or more individuals per month.

Costs generally associated with adult protective services and guardianship cases include: psychological and or medical expenses, adult care and/or nursing home room and board, medications, legal and estate fees, etc. This line item also provides payment for but is not limited to: disposition of unclaimed bodies, transports, contract with “ARC” for specific guardianship cases, etc.

Since June, Craven County DSS has been involved with two cases that have presented unexpected and higher than average costs for room and board, additional supervision, medication, psychological needs and evaluations, and other related costs. These have already exceeded the annual allocation.

Based on a review of currently known and projected costs done in August, the Agency anticipates needing an additional \$80,000 through June 30, 2016. Previously, in September of 2015, \$40,000 was requested.

The agency requested an additional \$34,000 to provide funding through June 2016.

Adult Services 7221

101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$34,000.00	101-7221-450-39-05 County Social Service	\$34,000.00
TOTAL	\$34,000.00	TOTAL	\$34,000.00

Justification: Requesting \$34,000 to be utilized in meeting the needs of individuals through the provision of Adult Protective and Guardianship Services. Both services are mandated through North Carolina State Statutes.

Commissioner Liner inquired if there has been any feedback from the Veterans Administration (VA) yet in regard to their assistance. Ms. Stout responded that the individual currently at issue is not VA eligible; however she has not checked on the VA for future issues. Commissioner Dacey asked in there has been any help from Trillium Health Care. Ms. Stout responded that they have not been successful with the agency so far. Commissioner Dacey stated that he will try to intervene with Trillium as the County’s Commissioner representative.

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

Budget Amendment – Additional Low Income Energy Assistance Program Funding Received

Ms. Stout presented the following budget amendment requesting to add additional Federal funding received for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP). Funds are 100% Federal, there is no County match.

Mandated 7291

101-7291-349-32-00	\$13,605.00	101-7291-450-23-07	\$13,605.00
CIP, NCNG, CP&L		Energy LIEAP	
TOTAL	\$13,605.00	TOTAL	\$13,605.00

Justification: Additional funding received for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP). There is no County match. Funds are 100% Federal. Current budget in HTE is the state estimate for the year of \$380,604. This additional funding authorization results in an additional \$13,605 for a new total allocation of \$394,209.

Commissioner Liner inquired how much of the \$380,000 has been spent. Ms. Stout responded that she is not sure because it changes daily.

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

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: EMERGENCY SERVICES – EMS/RESCUE GRANTS COUNTY MATCH

Emergency Services Director, Stanley Kite, presented the following requests to match Fire/Rescue/EMS Grants received from the NC Office of State Fire Marshal on behalf of No. 9 Township Fire & Rescue, No. 7 Township Fire & Rescue, Vanceboro Rescue Squad and Ft. Barnwell Rescue Squad.

Grant Awards:

No. 9 Township Fire & Rescue	\$13,752.00
No. 7 Township Fire & Rescue	\$24,964.00
Vanceboro Rescue Squad	\$25,000.00
Ft. Barnwell Rescue Squad	

Commissioner Dacey inquired how these grant awards fit in with the policy the Board adopted regarding these kinds of requests. Mr. Kite responded that the rescue squads do not fall under the policy. The five departments brought forward the possibility of receiving these grants during the budget period and these fire departments also perform rescue functions.

Commissioner Mark moved to approve the following budget amendments, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Township 9 Fire & Rescue

101-0000-399-01-00	\$13,753.00	101-0567-410-97-83	\$13,753.00
Fund Balance Current Year		Transfer to Fire Department	
249-0000-366-01-00	\$13,753.00	249-2900-410-96-99	\$13,753.00
From General Fund		Twp. 9 fire/res match	
TOTAL	\$27,506.00	TOTAL	\$27,506.00

Justification: Budget Craven County’s 50% matching grant funds to Township #9 Fire & Rescue as awarded by the NC Dept. of Insurance.

No. 7 Township Fire & Rescue

101-0000-399-01-00	\$24,965.00	101-0567-410-97-83	\$24,965.00
Fund Balance Current Year		Transfer to Fire Department	
247-0000-366-01-00	\$24,965.00	247-2900-410-96-99	\$24,965.00
From General Fund		#7 Twp. Fire/Res Match	

Justification: Budget Craven County’s 50% matching grant funds to No 7 Township Fire & Rescue as awarded by the NC Dept. of Insurance.

Vanceboro Rescue

101-0000-399-01-00	\$25,000.00	101-2829-410-33-20	\$25,000.00
Fund Balance Current Year		Vanceboro Grant Match	
TOTAL	\$25,000.00	TOTAL	\$25,000.00

Justification: Budget Craven County’s 50% matching grant funds to Vanceboro Rescue Squad as awarded by the NC Dept. of Insurance.

Ft. Barnwell Rescue

101-0000-399-01-00	\$12,955.00	101-2827-410-33-20	\$12,955.00
Fund Balance Current Year		Ft. Barnwell Grant Match	
TOTAL	\$12,955.00	TOTAL	\$12,955.00

Justification: Budget Craven County’s 50% matching grant funds to Ft. Barnwell Rescue Squad as awarded by the NC Department of Insurance.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON REFUGEES FROM TERRORIST NATIONS

Chairman Liner announced that the proposed resolution will only be discussed.

Commissioner Dacey introduced the resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Mark, for the purpose of getting it on the table for discussion.

Commissioner Dacey read the following statement into the record.

Mr. Chairman, in presenting the draft resolution to the members of this board two weeks ago it was my goal to appropriately address concerns that have been brought to our attention regarding refugees being placed within our community. Like the rest of you, I have been provided with a great deal of information to think about since that meeting. While I am mindful of this nation’s history and the many benefits that have come to America by accepting refugees from across the globe, as a person who has been elected to act in the best interest of those who make Craven County our home, it is the safety and security of the people living in our community, including the refugees who have already chosen to make Craven County their home, that I must consider to be the highest priority.

Since 1992, Interfaith Refugee Ministries and its parent organization, Episcopal Migration Ministries, based in NY, have provided safe passage and support for thousands of refugees that have made eastern North Carolina their home.

Heretofore, these people have come to America with only a desire to provide for their families, live in a safe environment, pray without fear of persecution, and above all, a willingness to assimilate into our society as New-Americans, eager to accept our values.

Tomorrow, we may be told we are to accept into our community a different type of refugee. We will be told to welcome persons who may present themselves, as have all the others, but their true motives are not to make America a stronger nation, but to hurt us because of our values as Americans. It is this new reality that drives me to ask that those who manage the affairs of Interfaith Refugee Ministries decline the placement of any refugees from countries that have significant territory controlled by an organization designated by the State Department to be a Foreign Terrorist Organization.

I understand the founders of Interfaith Refugee Ministries and those who currently manage the organization's work embarked upon their mission because of a sincere desire and passion to meet the needs of those who have withstood political and religious oppression throughout the world. While laudable, I hope these individuals understand their pursuit to do-good does come at an expense to others. It must never be forgotten that the taxpayers of America underwrite these efforts with dollars that could otherwise be used by the families that earn them. Further, these families have a legitimate gripe when their hard earned dollars are being spent on programs that may well compromise their safety.

Advocates of the refugee program maintain the vetting process used to verify those coming to America is sufficiently rigorous and our families will remain safe. However, our experience as a nation demonstrates this is not always the case. In fact, just within the past week two terrorism related indictments have been brought against those previously vetted by the UN High Commission on Refugees and the various federal agencies. The fact that their alleged crimes appear to have come about after becoming radicalized while living in the US should only cause us greater concern about this program.

As I conclude, the people of Craven County should know that just as we have no knowledge as to who or how many refugees will be brought into our area, this board has no way to directly impact the affairs of Interfaith Refugee Ministries. As such, I freely admit the resolution before this board is little more than an expression of concern brought in response to many who reside in our community. While it is true that some would like this program stopped in its entirety, that is not the intent of this resolution. In fact, it would be my hope that Interfaith Refugee Ministries continues to meet the needs of those refugees who have remained in our area and continues to find suitable living conditions for all who will embrace the values and spirit of the United States of America.

Commissioner Tyson stated that he believes the public should have an opportunity to comment.

Commissioner McCabe inquired how many other counties are adopting resolutions dealing with this issue. County Manager, Jack Veit, responded that there are no other counties that have become apparent to staff.

Commissioner Sampson stated that he is interested in keeping the county safe as well as providing for those who need help.

Commissioner Tyson moved to table the discussion until the Board's next meeting, to allow the public to speak, and to direct proponents and opponents to appoint spokespersons, seconded by Commissioner McCabe.

The motion and second were withdrawn, so that all Commissioners would have an opportunity to participate in the discussion.

Commissioner Mark thanked Interfaith Refugee Ministries for providing information and he asked District #1 residents to provide feedback to him concerning their positions on the issue.

Commissioner Jones stated that he has never, in five years as a Commissioner, had an issue with this much controversy. He stated that he was saved in 1995, and he is a Christian first, before an American or anything else. He has heard a lot of different opinions and urged that citizens let their opinions be known.

Chairman Linder stated that this is his hardest, most controversial issue in nine years as a public official. He stated the people in his district are not trustful of their government; especially when the FBI and Homeland Security cannot guarantee security of the refugee population. He asked the Board to review the new screening guidelines that have come out recently.

Commissioners Tyson and McCabe reintroduced the withdrawn motion to table, which carried unanimously.

At 9:15 a.m. the Board went into recess.

At 9:25 a.m. the Board returned to regular session.

APPOINTMENTS

Craven Community Child Protection Team: Dawn Gibson

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

Craven County Clean Sweep: Len Long

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.

January – None

February

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

March – None

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

*Final Acceptance – Offer to Purchase Real Property – 702 Second Avenue
(Parcel Number 8-012-191)*

County Attorney, Jim Hicks, presented an offer received and tentatively approved by Craven County and the City of New Bern in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the property located at 702 Second Avenue, which was acquired through a tax foreclosure. The total taxes and costs that were foreclosed on were \$3,677.60. The current tax value is \$5,610.00. The offer was advertised, and there were no upset bids. Commissioner McCabe moved to give final approval of the sale and adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Mark and carried with six (6) “ayes”, there being one (1) “nay” from Commissioner Sampson.

RESOLUTION

702 Second Avenue, New Bern, North Carolina

THAT WHEREAS, Craven County and the City of New Bern have received an offer to purchase a parcel of property owned by the County and City identified as 702 Second Avenue, New Bern, NC, 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 \$5,000.00 by Edmund Harvey McGovern, Jr.; that no increased bids were received; 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 Edmund Harvey McGovern, Jr., in the sum of \$5,000.00 for said parcel identified as 702 Second Avenue, New Bern, NC, 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.

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 purchasers once the same has been executed on behalf of the County and City, 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 Eight (8) Township, Craven County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

All of that certain property more fully described in Deed Book 2534 at Page 730 in the Craven County Registry. This property is also commonly referred to by its tax parcel identification number which is 8-012-191.

Being also that same property conveyed to Craven County and the City of New Bern by Commissioner's Deed recorded November 21, 2006 in Book 2534 at Page 730 of the Craven County Registry.

ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

*Final Acceptance – Offer to Purchase Real Property – 1419 Garfield Street
(Parcel Number 8-013-136)*

Mr. Hicks presented an offer received and tentatively approved by Craven County and the City of New Bern in the amount of \$1,300.00 for property located at 1419 Garfield Street, which was acquired through a tax foreclosure. The total taxes and costs that were foreclosed on were \$6,754.51. The current tax value is \$6,730.00. The offer was advertised, and there were no upset bids. Commissioner Sampson moved to give final approval of the sale and to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION

1419 Garfield Street, New Bern, North Carolina

THAT WHEREAS, Craven County and the City of New Bern have received an offer to purchase a parcel of property owned by the County and City identified as 1419 Garfield Street, New Bern, NC, 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 \$1,300.00 by Charles W. Petersen, Jr.; that no increased bids were received; 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 Charles W. Petersen, Jr., in the sum of \$1,300.00 for said parcel identified as 1419 Garfield Street, New Bern, NC, 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.

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 purchasers once the same has been executed on behalf of the County and City, 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 Eight (8) Township, Craven County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

All of that certain property more fully described in Deed Book 3339 at Page 122 in the Craven County Registry. This property is also commonly referred to by its tax parcel identification number which is 8-013-136.

Being also that same property conveyed to Craven County and the City of New Bern by Commissioner's Deed recorded March 3, 2015 in Book 3339 at Page 122 of the Craven County Registry.

ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager, Jack Veit, provided the following announcements and updates to the Board.

1. Mr. Veit reported that he received an update from Patrick Baker with Water and Soil Conservation that the Flat Swamp and Core Creek snagging projects are moving along well.
2. Mr. Veit reminded the Board that at 10:30 a.m. the Board will recess to view the video arraignment process with Judge Alford. There are seventeen people on the docket that are not being transported.
3. Mr. Veit reported on his attendance at the Joint Land Use Study Draft Final Study presentation, and stated that there is some action that is needed by the County.
4. Mr. Veit announced that he will attend a Highway 17 meeting on Wednesday, January 20 and a Highway 70 meeting on Thursday, January 21. He urged staying vigilant on the Highway 17 improvement. He stated that some progress has been made on the James City part of the Highway 70 project.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Dacey reported on his attendance at the Legislative Goals Conference of NCACC. Following are the remaining goals that are being carried forward.

- PE-4 Seek legislation to repeal the statutory authorized under NCGS 115C-431(c) that allows local school boards to file suit against a county board of commissioners over county appropriations for education.
- TF-4 Seek legislation to authorize local option revenue sources already given to any other jurisdiction.
- GG-2 Support legislation, regulations and funding that would preserve local option and authority where needed to deploy community broadband systems and ensure community access to critical broadband services.

He reported that ACT met last week concerning federal level priorities; however, they were not able to finish state level priorities for the General Assembly.

He announced a Town Hall meeting in the Craven County Administration Building on January 28 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Mark reported on his attendance at a Tourism Development Authority (TDA) work session on January 13. There was discussion on TDA priorities and benchmarking for the next ten years, untapped resources, partnerships and markets. He announced a meeting being held tomorrow evening on the bond issue on agriculture.

Commissioner Jones reported that he met with Tuscarora Rhems citizens on January 16. He stated that he went to view the Core Creek Snagging project and they are doing a good job. He stated that the Board will need to address streams running into Core Creek, and that beaver management is a widespread problem.

Commissioner Tyson reported on a recent hospital board meeting. An architect was hired to design the new cancer center. A \$100,000 gift was presented. He announced on February 4 at the Convention Center a trash forum will be held with elected officials, Clean Sweep, the River Keeper, Law Enforcement, DOT and POA's.

Commissioner Sampson commented on the trash situation in New Bern also. He cited the work done by Ms. Lois Jamison and Rev. Erlinda Dobson on the observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, and asserted that the activities were a good example in bringing the community together. He commented on the decline in gas prices, although food prices need to drop also.

Commissioner McCabe commented that he took two adults and nine children for a ride in a fire truck.

Chairman Liner announced that on February 26 the Aviation Heritage Foundation Gala will be held at the Havelock Tourist Center. On August 6 the Purple Heart dinner is being held in New Bern. The event began in Charlotte eight years ago. There will be one, possibly two, medal of honor honorees in attendance. Walmart will be the grand sponsor. He asked that citizens contact him for more information. He reported that the JLUS draft will be distributed to Commissioners. He challenged churches to adopt a school and stated that teachers are still purchasing school supplies for students. He asked for prayers for the twelve Marines who were lost in Hawaii, and their families.

Commissioner Sampson commented that Mr. Charles Simmons tried to organize a meeting in his community regarding tobacco allotments. Anyone who had a tobacco allotment in the 1970's can receive funding. Mr. Simmons can be contacted for an application.

**RECESS TO RECONVENE IN SUPERIOR COURTOOM #1 AT 10:30 A.M. WITH
JUDGE ALFORD TO VIEW VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT PROCESS**

At 9:59 a.m. the Board recessed and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. in Superior Courtroom #1.

At 11:20 a.m. Commissioner McCabe moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Dacey and unanimously carried.

Chairman George S. Liner
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board