

**AGENDA
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016
8:30 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

1. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Approve Minutes of April 4, 2016
 - B. Tax Releases and Refunds
 - C. DSS Budget Amendment – Sunshine Center
 - D. Finance Budget Amendment – Volunteer Fire Departments
2. CHERRY POINT REGION JOINT LAND USE STUDY (JLUS) PRESENTATION:
Steve Player, The Wooten Company
3. NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (NCDPI) FACILITY SURVEY:
Glenn Reaves, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, Craven
County Schools
4. JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) FUNDING ALLOCATION
RECOMMENDATIONS: Jennifer Dacey, Chair

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

5. DSS BUDGET AMENDMENT – ADOPTION: Alfreda Stout, Deputy Director
6. HEALTH: Jennifer Blackmon, Human Services Deputy Director
 - A. New Fee Recommendations
 - B. Fee Change Recommendation
 - C. Budget Amendment - Request for Additional Funding
7. PLANNING – FEMA PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION STORM SHUTTER GRANT:
Don Baumgardner, Planning Director

8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BUDGET AMENDMENT: Timothy Downs,
Economic Development Director
9. FINANCE: Craig Warren, Finance Director
 - A. Budget Amendments – Schools
 - B. Audit Contract
10. APPOINTMENTS
11. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Jim Hicks
12. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: Jack Veit
13. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
14. 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 APRIL 18, 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
- Amber Parker, Human Resources Director
- Craig Warren, Finance 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 Dacey moved to amend the agenda to include authorization of the Chairman to sign a resolution recognizing a retiring employee on the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the agenda, as amended, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Minutes of April 4, 2016

Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2016 regular session, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Tax Releases and Refunds

The Board was requested to approve the following routine tax releases and refunds. Commissioner Sampson moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
GIBBS, MARQUEDA DID NOT OWN 1/1/2015	2015-0021595	\$54.54
HODGES, BARRY STEVEN JR & JENN MILITARY EXEMPTION	2015-0091647	\$37.13
JACKSON, JOANN FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2015-0029364	\$32.71
JACKSON, JOANN FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2014-0028949	\$39.06
JACKSON, JOANN FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2013-0028295	\$42.18

JACKSON, JOANN FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2011-0029429	\$25.05
JACKSON, JOANN FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2009-0029119	\$27.93
JACKSON, JOANN FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2008-0029064	\$29.17
LAWSON, GARY K MILITARY EXEMPT	2015-0033778	\$50.91
MOORE, DIANNA DID NOT OWN 1/1/2015	2015-0040448	\$56.51
	10 – CREDIT MEMO(S)	\$395.19

Refunds

FOYE, CHARLOTTE S DWELLING VACANT SINCE APRIL 2010	2014-0019576	\$36.00
FOYE, CHARLOTTE S DWELLING VACANT SINCE APRIL 2010	2013-0019059	\$36.00
FOYE, CHARLOTTE S DWELLING VACANT SINCE APRIL 2010	2012-0019613	\$36.00
FOYE, CHARLOTTE S DWELLING VACANT SINCE APRIL 2010	2011-0019776	\$36.00
	4 – REFUND(S)	\$144.00

DSS Budget Amendment – Sunshine Center

The Board was requested to approve the following budget amendment. Commissioner Sampson moved for its approval, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

DSS 7292

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-7292-352-40-00 1 ST Party Payment/Respite	\$4,000.00	101-7292-450-32-12 Activity Supplies	\$4,000.00
TOTAL	\$4,000.00	TOTAL	\$4,000.00

Justification: Budget amendments needed to increase line item for expected private pay revenue for the Sunshine Center, Adult Respite Care Program located at the Craven County Senior Center. Funds will be utilized for program needs.

Finance Budget Amendment – Volunteer Fire Departments

The Board was requested to approve the following budget amendment. Commissioner Sampson moved for its approval, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Fire Department

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
247-0000-399-01-00 No. 7 Township	\$16.00	247-2900-410-46-00 General Insurance	\$16.00
TOTAL	\$16.00	TOTAL	\$16.00

Justification: To cover shortage of Fire Departments General Insurance line item for VFIS invoice dated 3/15/16 in the amount of \$16,959.00.

Authorization for Chairman to Sign Resolution Recognizing Retiring County Employee

Commissioner Sampson moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution recognizing a County employee soon to retire, as follows, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION
IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION
FOR THE SERVICE OF
MAJOR GENERAL TOM BRAATEN (Ret)**

WHEREAS, MajGen (Ret) Tom Braaten has been a force in this community since his retirement from MCAS Cherry Point as Commander in 2001, and with his decision to make this his home; and

WHEREAS, he has, since his retirement, been actively involved in serving the community through his volunteer endeavors, and as Executive Director of the Twin Rivers YMCA, resulting in being recognized as a recipient of the Community Fabric Award for Individual Leadership in 2013; and

WHEREAS, he has led Coastal Carolina Regional Airport as Airport Director for nearly ten years. Some of the accomplishments achieved under his leadership include:

- Services of a second airline carrier, Delta, secured, thereby safeguarding the continued use of the airport on a commercial basis
- Marketing of the airport enhanced with television, radio and print advertising
- Ties strengthened between the airport and the armed services, particularly the Marine Corps, by highlighting their presence in Eastern North Carolina
- Expansion of terminal use to promote local business
- Collaboration with East Carolina University through its sculpture and arts program for airport exhibits
- Management of efforts to build a new general aviation facility; and

WHEREAS, his retirement plans include continuing as an active volunteer and maintaining his status as one of Craven County’s most valuable assets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Craven County Board of Commissioners congratulates MajGen Tom Braaten (Ret) for a lifetime of achievement and salutes him for an outstanding legacy of service.

FURTHER: The Board of Commissioners extends sincere gratitude for the contributions he has made to the Craven County community, and for those yet to come.

Adopted this 18th day of April, 2016.

CHERRY POINT REGION JOINT LAND USE STUDY (JLUS) PRESENTATION

With completion of the final draft of the study, Project Manager, Steve Player, of the Wooten Company, provided an Executive Summary briefing to the Boards of Commissioners of

participating counties. The final product is to be provided to the sponsor, Carteret County, by April 30th.

He advised the Board of anticipated authorization within the next three to four months to bring Jones County into the project, to join Craven, Carteret and Pamlico Counties.

He reported that the capability aspects analyzed included: land use, light pollution and noise, considering the community impact on the mission, as well as the impact of the mission on the community, particularly the potential for growth and development.

The final produce includes practitioners' fact sheets developed for designing strategies to address issues of tall structures, dark skies and military influence overlay districts.

The recommendation from the study is that all three counties standardize their tall structures regulations, with Carteret County's ordinance as a model.

Commissioner Dacey requested that the report be made available to ACT members. He inquired how the project may impact BRAC. Mr. Player responded that there is no official position on that question because that factor had not been addressed; however, he stated that it is reasonable to expect the plans to be beneficial to the base at Cherry Point. Commissioner Dacey expressed the expectation that the land use plans will definitely help.

Chairman Liner recommended deferring approval until the next meeting, or the meeting after, to give other commissioners the opportunity to study the report.

Commissioner Sampson expressed concern about citizens being compensated for loss of any property use as a result of the regulations.

NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (NCDPI) FACILITY SURVEY

Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, Glenn Reaves, presented the final NCDPI Facility Needs Survey, which represents all of the Craven County Schools' capital needs.

He stated that an update is required every five years. In the current survey \$73M of needs have been identified across the system.

He stated that the signature of the Chairman and County Manager are needed but do not imply endorsement, only that information was received for review prior to submission to the State.

During discussion, it became evident that the figures for West Craven High School and West Craven Middle School were transposed.

Commissioner Tyson requested the current ADM and Capacity numbers for each school for 2015-2016.

Commissioner Dacey stated that he questions the validity of the document due to errors and inconsistencies that are evident.

Chairman Liner stated that he will meet with the County Manager and Mr. Reaves to get more clarification before signing the document.

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) FUNDING ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Chair, Jennifer Dacey, presented the Council's recommended funding allocations for FY16-17 for the Board's approval, as follows:

Needed Programs	Program	Current Funding	Request 16-17	Recommendation
Parent/Family Skill Bldg Services	Celebrating Families	\$0.00	\$ 33,805.00	\$ 23,805.00
Community Day-Structured Day Reporting	Area Day Reporting Ctr.	\$121,084.00	\$121,084.00	\$107,136.00
Community Service/Restitution	Juvenile Restitution Prog.	\$ 62,918.00	\$ 62,918.00	\$ 62,918.00
Teen Court Services	Teen Court	\$ 68,168.00	\$ 74,397.00	\$ 59,711.00
JCPC Administrative Funds		\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTALS		\$254,570.00	\$334,604.00	\$254,570.00

She explained that the Parent and Family Skill Building service was recognized as the biggest unmet need to address at-risk youth not yet in the system. It is operated by the Department of Social Services at the Hope Family Resource Center.

Commissioner Sampson stated that the budget meeting was very thorough and there were representatives from each program that were interviewed.

Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the JCPC funding allocations, as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Dacey and unanimously carried.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: DSS BUDGET AMENDMENT – ADOPTION

Alfreda Stout, Deputy DSS Director, presented the following budget amendment. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the budget amendment, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

DSS TANF 7231

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-7231-349-28-00 CPS Staff & Overhead	\$26,400.00	101-7231-450-39-30 Special Adoption	\$26,400.00
TOTAL	\$26,400.00	TOTAL	\$26,400.00

Justification: Funds received from the Special Adoption fund. Funds are awarded by the State based on the number of adoptions that are finalized, and are given to DSS to use in the adoption program. There is no County match, and unspent funds are to be rolled forward to the next fiscal year.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: HEALTH

New Fee Recommendations

Jennifer Blackmon, Human Services Deputy Director, presented a request for the following new fee recommendations for Serogroup B Meningococcal Vaccine (MenB) and Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring to be effective May 1, 2016.

- Description:** 90620 / Serogroup B Meningococcal Vaccine (MenB)

Current Fee: N/A **Medicaid Rate:** \$171.74 **Proposed Rate:** \$172.00

Cost per vaccine: \$154.40

Reason/Justification: New vaccine. Patients will incur an Administrative Fee of \$17.00 in addition to the vaccine listed above. This fee covers the vaccine, staff time, and cost of supplies.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: PLANNING – FEMA PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION STORM SHUTTER GRANT

The Craven County Planning Department has been notified by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety that Craven County has received a Federal Emergency Management Agency Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant to have storm shutters installed on the Craven County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 411 Craven Street. The storm shutters will be installed on the first and second floors of the EOC, with the shutters on the second floor being controlled by remote control. The grant is 75% federal share and 25% local share.

The total for the equipment and shutter install is \$52,387.00, which includes the storm shutters, motors, remote controls and installation of the storm shutters on the building. Also needed to complete the job would be to hire a licensed electrician to provide power to the motors for the second floor storm shutters. The estimated cost is \$7,500.00. Also included in the cost of the project is for staff to administer the grant, which is a reimbursable expense back to the County, with that cost estimated at \$2,000.

Grand Total	\$61,887.00
State/Federal Share	\$46,415.25
Local Share	\$15,471.75

The Board was requested to approve the following budget amendment and to provide the required match of \$15,471.75. Commissioner Mark moved to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Planning

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$15,472.00	101-4002-430-40-00 Hazard Mitigation Contract	\$61,887.00
101-4002-349-36-00 Hazard Mitigation State	\$46,415.00		
TOTAL	\$61,887.00	TOTAL	\$61,887.00

Justification: Planning Department was notified by NC Dept of Public Safety that Craven County has received a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant to install storm shutters on the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 411 Craven Street. The grant is 75% state share and 25% local share. Need to budget these line items in order to proceed with the installation of the shutters.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BUDGET AMENDMENT

In June 2015, Craven County awarded Moen an Economic Development Grant, with the first installment being due upon Moen’s full occupancy and operation in the new facility. Moen will occupy and operate in the new facility in April 2016. Craven County Economic Director, Timothy Downs, stated that the facility is completed and move in has taken place. He requested to move money from the Economic Development reserve account in order to pay the first installment of the performance grant to Moen. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the following budget amendment, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Economic Development 44-01

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
371-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance Current	\$500,000.00	371-0571-400-97-01 Transfer to General Fund	\$500,000.00

101-4401-366-07-00	\$500,000.00	101-4401-430-47-11	\$500,000.00
From Reserve		Perf Grant Moen	
JOURNAL ENTRY			
371-0571-400-97-01	\$500,000.00	371-0000-101-00-00	\$500,000.00
To General Fund		Cash	
101-0000-101-00-00	\$500,000.00	101-4401-366-07-00	\$500,000.00
Cash		From Reserve	
TOTAL	\$2,000,000.00	TOTAL	\$2,000,000.00

Justification: To pay performance grant to Moen for FY 16.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: FINANCE

Finance Director, Craig Warren, presented the following budget amendments for the Board’s approval.

Schools

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0000-303-00-00	\$39,000.00	101-8500-480-37-12	\$39,000.00
Late listing penalty tax		School late listing penalty	
TOTAL	\$39,000.00	TOTAL	\$39,000.00

Justification: Receipt of taxes attributable to late listing penalties has already exceeded the \$60,000 amount projected for FY 16. Need to budget the additional revenue expected and corresponding expenditure to schools.

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

Schools

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0000-309-12-00	\$14,248.00	101-8500-480-37-02	\$14,248.00
State School PILT		Schools exp PILT	
TOTAL	\$14,248.00	TOTAL	\$14,248.00

Justification: The FY 16 projected Timber receipts were \$50,000. These funds are passed to Craven County Board of Education as School PILT. The total amount received this year was \$64,247.78. Need to budget the additional revenue and corresponding expenditure to schools.

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

Audit Contract

RSM US LLP formerly known as McGladrey and Pullen has submitted a proposed audit contract for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The proposed audit fee is \$68,200, an increase of \$1,600 (2.4%) over last year. Also included in the contract is an additional fee of \$4,200 to perform testing of LGERS pension census date at the participant level as required by the Office of State Auditor and to comply with GASB 68 – Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the audit contract and authorize its execution, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Craven Community Child Protection Team: Dawn Gibson

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

Nursing Home Advisory Committee: Carol Wolfe

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

River Bend Board of Adjustment (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)

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

Craven Aging Planning Board: Joy Hudson

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

Craven County Health Board: Dr. Eric Wheelis

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

Agricultural Advisory Committee: Jimmy Arthur

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:

May

- EMS Advisory Council
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- New Bern Board of Adjustment

June

- ABC Board
- Social Services Board
- Fire Tax Commissioner
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
- Nursing Home Advisory Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Coastal Carolina Airport Authority

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

*Final Acceptance – Offer to Purchase Real Property – 619 Second Avenue, New Bern
(Parcel Number 8-012-148)*

County Attorney, Jim Hicks, presented an offer previously received and tentatively approved by Craven County and the City of New Bern for the property located at 619 Second Avenue, New Bern, which after the upset bid process, was in the final amount of \$6,350. The total taxes and costs that were foreclosed on were \$5,442.17. The current tax value is \$14,540.00. The offer was advertised and there were multiple upset bids.

Commissioner Sampson moved to accept the final offer and approve the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION
619 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 619 Second Avenue, 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 final offer to purchase was in the sum of \$6,350.00 by Jesse L. Mars, Sr., after multiple upset bids; 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 Jesse L. Mars, Sr., in the sum of \$6,350.00 for said parcel identified as 619 Second Avenue, 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 3186 at Page 391 in the Craven County Registry. This property is also commonly referred to by its tax parcel identification number which is 8-012-148.

ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

*Initial Offer to Purchase Real Property – 329 Nelson Road, Vanceboro
(Parcel Number 1-054-8002)*

Mr. Hicks presented an offer received by Craven County in the amount of \$3,057.65 for the property located at 329 Nelson Road, Vanceboro, NC, which was acquired through a tax foreclosure. The total taxes and costs that were foreclosed on were \$3,057.65. The current tax value is \$13,500 for the land, and \$56,760 for a manufactured home location thereon. However, due to issues with the title, it is still uncertain if the manufactured home is considered part of the real property for purposes of this conveyance.

Commissioner McCabe moved to accept the offer and advertise the property for upset bids, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried.

Initial Offer to Purchase Real Property – 109 Great Inagua Court (Parcel Number 2-061-079)

Mr. Hicks presented an offer received by Craven County in the amount of \$25.00 for the property located at 109 Great Inagua Court, which was acquired through a tax foreclosure. The total taxes and costs that were foreclosed on were \$1,579.56 in 2003. The current tax value is \$1,450.00. In its current state, the real property cannot be developed.

Commissioner McCabe moved to accept the offer and advertise the property for upset bids, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried.

Acquisition of 7240 US Hwy 70 East (Parcel 6-025-002)

Mr. Hicks provided an update on the acquisition of the property located at 7240 US Hwy 70 East, which will be utilized to relocate the Hickman Hill Convenience Center site. He reported that the County has entered into a contact with the owners for \$65,000 for the three acre parcel and will have a due diligence period for four months. The price is within a couple hundred dollars of the reappraised property value.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager, Jack Veit, reported on his attendance at "Craven Works" job fair sponsored by the Economic Development Department and stated that 1,100 job seekers attended. He stated that 54 employers were present and he commended Economic Development staff and C100 Alliance.

Mr. Veit commented that a presentation by the Secretary of Commerce and Secretary of Environmental Affairs raised the question of adequacy of the workforce in light of jobs that are coming back. Considering that this is occurring at Hatteras, he inquired about creating a marine carpentry institute to train craftsmen for the boat industry.

Mr. Veit reported on the NCACC District meeting where there was discussion on how to deal with solar projects when companies cease operations. There are elements that can be incorporated into the language of the ordinance to address this issue.

He advised the Board that the NC East Alliance is bringing in a wind energy consultant to tout wind energy as an economy booster for eastern North Carolina.

Commissioner Dacey recommended having Marc Finlayson or another ACT member to attend the presentation to add a balanced perspective.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Mark reported on his attendance at a recent Tourism Development Authority (TDA) meeting. He reported that the occupancy tax collection is at 85% for the year thus far, and stated that Convention Center Director, Mary McGee, reported on the Convention Center and Havelock Tourist Center activities. He also reported that the CRSWMA budget has been developed for this year at \$9.864. Last year's budget was \$9.814. CRSWMA will conduct three household waste collection events during the upcoming year.

Commissioner Jones reported that the Farm Bureau Board discussed solar panels, which is also a concern for the agriculture sector. He stated that he would like to get the Planning Department involved in the upcoming meeting next month.

Commissioner Tyson announced that a spring clean-up will take place on May 7, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Lawson Creek Park. He reported on a Hospital Board meeting stating that the three story addition is progressing. The new Environmental Supplies Building is now completed and the old area is being used to expand the operating room. The new cancer facility is scheduled to break ground later in the day.

Commissioner Dacey announced an ACT fundraiser at the Farmers Market which will be held from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on April 28. He also announced a Town Hall meeting on April 29 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the County Administration Building.

Commissioner McCabe reported that he and Commissioner Sampson attended an Eastern Carolina Council of Governments luncheon recently where Senator Patton discussed H.B. 2 and highways. Also in attendance were Representatives Cleveland and Bell. He also attended a session at the Havelock Police Department where citizens were inquiring about mosquito control relative to the Zika virus.

Commissioner Sampson reported on a Duffyfield clean-up that was held on Saturday, April 16. He announced that DUFFEST will be returning to the Stanley White Center this year'.

Chairman Liner commended Economic Development Director, Timothy Downs, for the success of “Craven Works” job fair. He reported that 340 people attended in the first hour and employers are already signing up for next year’s event, before it is scheduled.

He stated that he is expecting a resolution sample regarding wind farms. At the recent Commerce Department presentation, Commerce revealed that they are willing to work with the County on economic development.

On Friday, April 22, the 75th anniversary of Cherry Point will be observed and the Airshow will be held at Cherry Point April 29 – May 1. He reported that General Jon Davis will be at the Havelock Tourist Center to speak during an anniversary celebration luncheon.

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner McCabe moved to go into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6).

At 11:00 a.m. the Board returned to regular session with no action to report. Commissioner McCabe moved to adjourn, seconded Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Chairman George S. Liner
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board