

**AGENDA
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016
8:30 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

1. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Approve Minutes of September 6, 2016
 - B. CARTS Request to Set Public Hearing
 - C. Tax Releases and Refunds
 - D. Budget Amendment – Fire Departments
 - E. Budget Amendment – Cove City Rescue Squads
 - F. Budget Amendment – DSS Correct Title III D Funding Received
 - G. Budget Amendment – DSS – Rollover Unspent Donation Funds
2. ABC BOARD SITE RECONFIGURATION DISCUSSION: Chip Chagnon, Chairman, and Donna Rouse, General Manager
3. RESOLUTION FOR NCACC LEGISLATIVE GOALS: Commissioner Dacey

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

4. DARK FIBER LEASE AGREEMENT FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK AND FOR OUTSIDE INDUSTRIAL PARK: Dennis Holton, Information Technology Director
5. HEALTH – FEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Scott Harrelson, Health Director
6. EMERGENCY SERVICES – MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR 911 COMMUNICATIONS & DISPATCH BACK-UP: Stanley Kite, Emergency Services Director
7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – GRANT TO CRAVEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO SUPPLEMENT RE-ENTRY SPECIALIST: Timothy Downs, Economic Development Director

8. APPOINTMENTS
9. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Jim Hicks
10. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: Jack Veit
11. 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 SEPTEMBER 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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

Commissioner Sampson gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIRMAN'S PRIVILEGE

Neil Emory, Outreach Associate, made a presentation on behalf of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC), recognizing Commissioner Johnnie Sampson as a twenty year Commissioner.

Chairman Liner also recognized New Bern Alderman, Jeffrey Odham, in attendance.

Commissioner McCabe moved to approve the agenda, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Minutes of September 6, 2016 Regular Session

Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the minutes of September 6, 2016 regular session, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

CARTS request to Set Public Hearing

CARTS Director, Kelly Walker, submitted a request to set a combined public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on October 3, 2016 concerning grant applications FY2018 5311 Community Transportation Program (CTP) and a FY2018 Consolidated Capital Call for Projects application.

Both of these grant applications will be available for public review at the CARTS office and on the CARTS website no later than September 26, 2016.

Commissioner Sampson moved to set a public hearing for October 3 at 7:00 p.m., as requested, 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 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
AGCO FINANCE LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2016-0000443	\$50.28
AGCO FINANCE LLC DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 41080	2016-0000444	\$502.76
ASADOURIAN, ARCHIE H & L ANN H RECYCLE CHARGED IN ERROR	2016-0001861	\$36.00
BANK OF AMERICA NA DID NOT OWN 1/1/2016	2016-0002735	\$3,686.77
BATEMAN, BENNY FRANK CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2016-0003399	\$267.29
BLANKENSHIP, ALEX J DID NOT OWN 1/1/2016	2016-0005225	\$23.99
BOONE, EDITH WARD FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2016-0005626	\$74.96
BRAMLETT, COREY D & WYNNE, KIM INTEREST CHARGED IN ERROR	2013-0090153	\$3.44
BURELLE, TIMOTHY N & SARA K LATE LISTING CHARGED IN ERROR	2016-0008218	\$2.22
CAMPBELL, CLARA B & MICHAEL D NEW BERN RAZED BUILDING IN 2013	2016-0008830	\$24.18
CHADWICK, EDWARD R & JO ANN L ORDERED BY BOARD OF E & R 8/30/2016	2016-0010042	\$51.40
CHURCH-GUILFILED MISSIONARY BA DWELLING RAZED	2016-0010561	\$36.00
CLEVELAND, CHARLES T NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY	2016-0011010	\$3,006.62
DETERS, WESLEY R VETERAN EXCLUSION REMOVED IN ERROR	2016-0014914	\$276.45
E & M PERRY PROPERTIES LLC DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 106688	2016-0016553	\$73.62
GEARY, SARAH DID NOT OWN 1/1/2016	2016-0021484	\$42.23
GEARY, SARAH DID NOT OWN 1/1/2014	2014-0090370	\$47.13

GEARY, SARAH DID NOT OWN 1/1/2015	2015-0021265	\$41.39
GEORGE, DEGRAFFENEE AND LILLY DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 101867	2016-0021580	\$62.50
GREEN, KAREN S DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 103145	2016-0023091	\$33.65
GRIFFIN, SAMUEL SR HRS DWELLING VACAN SINCE 2000	2016-0023344	\$36.00
GUILLORY, DAVID J & DEBORAH FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2016-0023631	\$89.95
HAMILTON, ARTHUR JR DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2014	2016-0024221	\$36.00
HARBOUR PROTFOLIO VIII LP FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2016-0024482	\$254.12
HARDY, CHARLES M JR & BILLIE DID NOT OWN 1/1/2016	2016-0024662	\$18.67
HARGETT, ALLENA & OSRIC FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2016-0024733	\$39.98
HARGETT, MILTON EARL FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2016-0024880	\$84.44
HARGETT, MILTON EARL FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2016-0024882	\$81.57
JACKSON, JANIE V FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2016-0029549	\$39.98
JACKSON, JOANN FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2016-0029560	\$39.98
JOHNSON, WILBERT A JR FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2016-0030611	\$314.73
KERNER, WALTER & SARAH CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2016-0032043	\$9.13
KOCK, GERHARDUS H & JEANETTE BOAT NOT TAXALBE TO CRAVEN COUNTY	2016-0032856	\$54.05
KOTARA, JUDITH C SENIOR EXCLUSION REMOVED IN ERROR	2016-0033059	\$273.85
LEARY, HELEN SENIOR EXCLUSION REMOVED IN ERROR	2016-0034178	\$176.35
LEASE, WILLIAM D JR NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2016	2016-0034190	\$52.05
LOPEZ, SHIELA ANN DOUBLE BILLED TAGGED VEHICLE	2016-0035588	\$41.08
MAPS SOUTHEAST INC DID NOT OWN 1/1/2016	2016-0036893	\$115.91

MCCOTTER, SAMUEL & ROBINETTE FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2016-0038023	\$39.98
MCNEILL, WILLIAM MICHAEL CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2016-0038928	\$915.41
MESSICK, RANDALL S & LISA LYNN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2010	2010-0035047	\$90.04
MESSICK, RANDALL S & LISA LYNN DID NOT OWNN 1/1/2011	2011-0039031	\$88.12
MESSICK, RANDALL S & LISA LYNN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2012	2012-0038914	\$78.17
MESSICK, RANDALL S & LISA LYNN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2013	2013-0092831	\$69.36
MESSICK, RANDALL S & LISA LYNN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2014	2014-0092599	\$86.60
MESSICK, RANDALL & LISA LYNN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2015	2015-0039039	\$79.00
MEYER, JOCHEN NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY	2016-0039435	\$52.35
MOLONEY, PATRICK D NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY	2016-0040478	\$95.82
MONAGHAN, TIMOTHY DID NOT OWN 1/1/2016	2016-0040494	\$26.86
MOORE, ETHEL C VALUE ERROR CORRECTION	2016-0040805	\$2.83
MROSS, ROGER J & CATHERINE T FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2016-0041763	\$446.56
NAJARIAN, GEORGE L & DOROTHY G NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVE COUNTY	2016-0042319	\$379.39
NEW BERN CAMPGROUND LLC DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #0052813	2016-0042795	\$947.02
NOBLES, ALLIE HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2016-0043201	\$34.44
OGLESBY, SEBRINA TABOR DID NOT OWN N1/1/2016	2016-0043976	\$68.40
PHIFER, DANNY W INCORRECT SITUS/SHOULD BE 1C	2016-0045924	\$.39
PURVIS, MATTHEW C NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2013	2013-0095135	\$25.31
RHODES, IRA LEN VALUE ERROR CORRECTION	2016-0048613	\$654.61

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ROMERO, GRACIELA PICASSO DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 92848	2016-0049899	\$46.99
ROMERO, GRACIELA PICASSO DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 92848	2012-0049307	\$59.00
ROMERO, GRACIELA PICASSO DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 92848	2013-0093230	\$54.87
ROMERO, GRACIELA PICASSO DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 92848	2014-0092116	\$50.81
ROMERO, GRACIELA PICASSO DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT 92848	2015-0049568	\$46.76
SANTUS, TERRY & BOBBIE JO MILITARY EXEMPTION	2016-0051069	\$407.94
SCOTT, ADAM JEFFRY MILITARY EXEMPTION	2016-0051628	\$68.73
SHEARON, JOYCE H QUALIFIED FOR SENIOR EXCLUSION	2016-0052253	\$164.25
SILER, TROY J & MICHELLE D VEHICLE PLATED/NOT PERSONAL	2016-0052541	\$69.74
SIMMONS, CHRISTINE FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2016-0052623	\$341.82
SIMMONS, TIMOTHY FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2016-0052789	\$49.97
SMITH, JAMES E & TERRI L RECYCLE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2016-0053490	\$36.00
SMITH, STUART KEITH CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	2016-0053828	\$29.82
SWANSON, MICHAEL DIAMOND NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY	2016-0056045	\$70.25
THORN, PAUL BRANIN DOUBEL BILLED – SEE ACCT 93786	2016-0057532	\$120.88
TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS (US INCORRECT NAME – TO BE REBILLED	2016-0058086	\$31.50
TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS (US INCORRECT NAME – TO BE REBILLED	2016-0058087	\$8.51
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE & FINANCE BILLING ERROR – TO REBILL AS REAL	2016-0059421	\$160.64
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE & FINANCE BILLING ERROR – TO REBILL AS REAL	2015-0059076	\$162.15
VANDERBOGART, NATHANIEL PAUL MILITARY EXEMPTION	2016-0059422	\$36.05
VINES, BRENT GLENN MILITARY EXEMPTION	2016-0059740	\$54.88

WATTS, CAMERON GRAY & O'BRIEN 2016-0060892 CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE	\$37.52
WENDEL, HENRY THOMAS & CAROLYN2016-0061282 BOAT NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY	\$62.95
WETHERINGTON, J HAYDEN & NANCY2016-0061543 BUILDING RAZED IN 2015	\$.63
WETHERINGTON, NANCY I 2016-0061655 BUILDING RAZED IN 2015	\$11.67
WIGGINS, RONNIE L SR 2016-0062973 MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED	\$97.90
WIGGINS, RONNIE LEE JR 2016-0062974 MOBILE HOME DOUBLE BILLED	\$73.92
WILLIS, BETTY 2016-0063693 DID NOT OWN 1/1/2016	\$90.06
WOODARD, MERLON PATRICK 2016-0064463 DID NOT OWN 1/1/2016	\$5.91
87 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$16,733.50

Refunds

ARC LWNBNCOO1 LLC 2015-0001537 ORDERED BY NC PROPERTY TAX COMMISSION 9-2-2016	\$14,305.45
BRINKLEY, WILLIAM JAMES 2016-0006632 MOBILE HOME DOUBLE BILLED	\$53.14
TURNAGE, ELIJAH T 2016-0058724 RECYCLE CHARGED IN ERROR	\$36.00
3 – REFUND (S)	\$14,394.59

Budget Amendment – Fire Departments

The Board was requested to approve the following budget amendment to cover shortage of Fire Department’s Worker’s Compensation line item for VFIS Invoice dated August 2, 2016 in the amount of \$88,972.50. Commissioner Sampson moved for its approval, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Fire Department – Multiple

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
240-0000-399-00-00 Rhems	\$325.00	240-2900-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$325.00
241-0000-399-00-00 Vanceboro	\$ 65.00	241-2900-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$ 65.00
244-0000-399-00-00 Ft. Barnwell	\$325.00	244-2903-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$325.00
248-0000-399-00-00 West of New Bern	\$390.00	248-2900-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$390.00
249-0000-399-00-00 No. 9 TWP	\$325.00	249-2900-410-11-04 Workers Comp	\$325.00

TOTAL	\$1,430.00	TOTAL	\$1,430.00
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Justification: To cover shortage of fire departments workers compensation line item for VFIS invoice dated 8/2/16 in the amount of \$88,972.50.

Budget Amendment – Cove City Rescue Squads

The Board was requested to approve the following budget amendment to cover current and future transport services provided by Cove City Rescue. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the following budget, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Cove City Rescue Squads

101-2830-357-53-01	\$2,656.00	101-2830-410-41-25	\$2,656.00
Jail ambulance transp		Jail ambulance transpt	
TOTAL	\$2,656.00	TOTAL	\$2,656.00

Justification: Cove City Rescue transports inmates to and from hospital and jail when New Bern/Craven is unavailable. Jail is responsible for these costs. Need budget to cover current and future transport services provided by Cove City Rescue (\$332 per trip).

Budget Amendment – DSS Correct Title III D Funding Received

The Board was requested to approve the following budget amendment to reflect the correct original allocation for Title III D Health Promotion funds from the Area Agency on Aging. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the following budget amendment, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

DSS Senior 7295

101-7295-377-55-00	\$(374.00)	101-7295-450-39-37	\$(415.00)
Title III D		Health Prom Title IIID	
101-0000-399-01-00	\$(41.00)		
Fund Balance			
TOTAL	\$(415.00)	TOTAL	\$(415.00)

Justification: Amending budget to reflect correct original allocation for Title III D Health Promotion funds from Area Agency on Aging. There is a 10% County match.

Budget Amendment – DSS – Rollover Unspent Donation Funds

The Board was requested to approve the following budget amendment to roll forward from the prior fiscal year unspent funds donated to the Senior Program and Meals Program. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the budget amendment, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

DSS 7295 Senior

101-0000-399-01-00	\$4,805.00	101-7295-450-32-29	\$1,468.00
Fund Balance		Donations – Meals	
		101-7295-450-32-31	\$3,337.00
		Donations – Senior	
TOTAL	\$4,805.00	TOTAL	\$4,805.00

Justification: Roll forward unspent funds donated to the Senior Program and Meals Program in Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

ABC BOARD SITE RECONFIGURATION DISCUSSION

ABC Board Chairman, Chip Chagnon, discussed recommendations concerning site locations. He stated that the ABC Board had been looking at the consolidation of key sites. All analyses indicate that closure of the Westbrooke Shopping Center store in Havelock would improve efficiencies and enhance distribution of proceeds to the County, partly as a result of rental savings. Chairman Liner stated that he has spoken with leadership in Havelock and the ABC Board member representing Havelock and they have no objections. Commissioner McCabe stated that some of his constituents in this area of Havelock have objected and he is against this recommendation. When invited to make comments to the ABC Board at its meeting on September 20, Commissioner McCabe stated that a schedule conflict would prevent him from attending; however, Mr. Chagnon assured him that his concerns would be presented.

RESOLUTION FOR NCACC LEGISLATIVE GOALS

At the Board's last meeting, Commissioner Dacey introduced the following resolution recommending a legislative goal to be considered by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC). He stated that issues germane to the military have not been addressed by NCACC for many years. Last year a goal was put forth concerning funding for NCMAC (Military Affairs Commission). This year he would like to focus on overall NCMAC goals. Commissioner Mark moved to adopt the following resolution, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, North Carolina is a major component of the national defense posture with the fourth largest active duty military presence of any state; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to nine major military installations: Fort Bragg, Pope Army Airfield, Seymour Johnson AFB, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Stations Cherry Point and New River, Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point, Fleet Readiness Center East, U.S. Coast Guard Base Elizabeth City; and

WHEREAS, the military supports nearly 600,000 jobs in North Carolina, and our defense and homeland security sector generates approximately \$66 billion of impact to the economy, making it the second largest economic sector, representing 15% of the State's total gross state product; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense (DoD) has awarded procurement contracts to vendors and suppliers located in all 100 counties; and

WHEREAS, every budget submitted to Congress since 2013, the President has requested the authorization for the DoD to conduct a new round of Base Realignment and Closures; and

WHEREAS, The NC Military Affairs Commission was established within the Office of the Governor by Senate Bill 613, effective August 1st, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Commission is to provide advice, counsel and recommendations to the Governor, the NC General Assembly, the Secretary of Military and Veterans Affairs and other State agencies on initiatives, programs and legislation that will continue and increase the role that NC's military installations, the National Guard and Reserves play in America's defense strategy and the economic health and vitality of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Commission will recommend actions to protect the existing military infrastructure in North Carolina, maintain a high quality of life for military members and their families and to promote new military missions and economic opportunities for the State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, every two years members of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners engage in a process to determine the legislative goals it should seek in the best interest of the counties; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Craven County Board of Commissioners calls upon the members of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners to consider the following proposal to be included among its designated priorities for the upcoming session of the North Carolina General Assembly:

Support the statewide priorities established by the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission, including working to Improve the quality of life for active duty and retired military members and their families; encourage the thoughtful evaluation of appropriate uses of renewable energy to ensure compatibility of new solar, wind and other new energy generation methods with the military's training and operating missions; and encourage state investments in military installations and their missions.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: INDUSTRIAL PARK FIBER LEASE CONTRACT

Dennis Holton, Information Technology Director, presented a request on behalf of Clarity Communications to lease dark fiber from Craven County for an estimated ten years, both inside and outside of Industrial Park. Two separate dark fiber lease agreements were presented for the Board's consideration.

He explained that Clarity Communications desires to provide high speed internet services to Industrial Park and requests Craven County dark fiber as a middle mile supplier for connectivity. Craven County will not be providing the internet service.

The inside Industrial Park dark fiber lease is similar to the previous lease with Moen. The outside Industrial Park agreement contains the same rate structure and provisions as the inside Industrial Park lease.

The Industrial Park portion of lease proceeds, \$960 per year, will go back into the Industrial Park fund. Proceeds from the outside of park lease in the amount of \$4,800 per year will go to the County.

Commissioner McCabe moved to approve the lease contract, seconded by Commissioner Sampson. Commissioner Jones stated that he has concerns about a ten year term, stating it is too long and a shorter term would be more beneficial. Mr. Holton responded that lease includes a provision allowing the County to review and adjust rates every three years. Commissioner Dacey stated that he did not have a problem with the agreement with Moen because it is an existing company, having made a significant investment in the County. He also expressed concerns about the leases being proposed and posed the following questions:

1. Could Clarity be able to re-sell to entities in the park? Mr. Holton responded that it could. Commissioner Dacey stated that they are being charged an average of \$80 per month, which is less than he is paying monthly for internet. This does not seem equitable to the County and citizens.
2. Would other companies have access to the fiber? Mr. Holton responded that it is not a sole source arrangement.

Commissioner Dacey stated that he needs more understanding and would favor an agreement where the County participates in whatever benefits materialize for the company. He would like to see evidence of what other industrial parks are doing in this area and an economic analysis.

Commissioners McCabe and Sampson withdrew their motion.

Commissioner McCabe moved to table the matter for 30 days, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Dacey stated that he would like to find something in the interim that suggests that the vendor cannot, in the future, use fiber to branch out in competition with other providers. His concern is for setting a precedent that would result in the taxpayers not being fairly compensated.

Commissioner McCabe requested that the length of the term also be addressed.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: HEALTH – FEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Scott Harrelson, Health Director, presented a request to increase hospice billing rates effective October 1, 2016, as follows:

Reason: For Fiscal Year 2017, CMS increased Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates for Hospice Care to reflect increasing regulatory compliance, medication and operational costs. If adopted, the following rates would become effective for Craven County Hospice on October 1, 2016:

\$ 175.00	per day	Routine Hospice Care
\$ 37.00	per hour	Continuous Home Care
\$ 170.00	per day	Inpatient Respite Care

\$ 680.00 per day General Inpatient Care

Current Hospice Billing Rates:

\$171.00 per day Routine Hospice Care; \$36 per hour Continuous Home Care; \$165.00 per day Inpatient Respite Care; \$664 per day General Inpatient Care

Per CMS, Medicare and Medicaid Reimbursement Rates Effective October 1, 2016:

Medicare: \$174.77 per day Routine Hospice Care; \$36.87 per hour Continuous Home Care; \$159.82 per day Inpatient Respite Care; \$678.25 per day General Inpatient Rate

Medicaid: \$175.00 per day Routine Hospice Care; \$36.88 per hour Continuous Home Care; \$168.23 per day Inpatient Respite Care; \$678.25 per day General Inpatient Rate

Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the request to increase hospice billing rates, effective October 1, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: EMERGENCY SERVICES – MUTAL AID AGREEMENT FOR 911 COMMUNICATION & DISPATCH BACK-UP

Stanley Kite, Emergency Services Director, presented a Mutual Aid agreement between Pamlico County and Craven County E911 Center to provide mutual aid during times of disaster or any emergency situation to ensure that all available resources are potentially available in the event either party's E911 communications center requires aid of the other. Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Mutual Aid agreement, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – GRANT TO CRAVEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO SUPPLEMENT RE-ENTRY SPECIALIST

The Department of Justice has partnered with state, local, and tribal agencies and national organizations to support hundreds of re-entry programs across the country for individuals leaving corrections facilities. Economic Development Director, Timothy Downs, reported that the demand for effective re-entry services in Craven County remains high. Through a partnership with Craven Community College the County has an opportunity to make significant progress in establishing an effective re-entry program here in Craven County that will ultimately benefit neighboring counties as well. The Board was requested to award Craven Community College a one-time grant of \$5,500 from the Economic Development budget, to support the work of an existing Workforce Development Specialist for four months, who will formally establish the Craven-Pamlico Reentry Council, including the necessary programs, partnerships and initiatives. Commissioner Sampson moved to award \$5,500 to Craven Community College, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Recreation and Parks Advisory Board: Dickie Fairburn, Cathy Frazier, Abel Sandoval, Bill Taylor

It was the consensus of the Board to defer these appointments.

Upcoming Appointments

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

October:

- Aging Planning Board
- Firemen's Relief Fund
- Fire Tax Commissioners

November

- Craven Aging Planning Board
- EMS Advisory Council
- Regional Aging Advisory Committee

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney, Jim Hicks, presented an offer received by the County in the amount of \$1,500.00 for property located at 1455 Bear Hole Road, which was acquired through a tax foreclosure. The total taxes and costs that were foreclosed on were \$4,153.84. The current tax value is \$19,080.

Mr. Hicks recommended not accepting the offer as there is a likelihood that the County could receive a greater value by marketing the property differently. There was no action taken. It was the consensus that staff will put a sign on the property.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager, Jack Veit, reminded the Board that there will be a public hearing on October 3 at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed solar farm ordinance. This notice will be posted on the Craven County website later in the day.

He reported that the Harlowe project has been completed and there are photos available on the website.

He also reported that the creek snagging project is underway and is expected to be completed before Christmas.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Jones announced Cove City Firemen's Day will take place on September 24 with a parade at 10:00 a.m. and invited Commissioners and citizens to attend. He also announced that Dover Firemen's Day will be held on October 1. There will be no parade but plates will be sold.

Commissioner Dacey announced he will hold a Trent Woods Town Hall meeting on October 26 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Sampson thanked the City of New Bern for their police/community event on Saturday, September 17. He stated there was good police interaction with the community. He stated that the gas pipeline rupture cost has filtered down to the customer and expressed his regrets for the tragic bombing in New York. He thanked the NCACC for his recognition and stated that he spends all his spare time and energy for the benefit of constituents.

Chairman Liner reported that Veterans Services Director, Jeff Futrell, attended the 3rd annual veterans stand down. He stated that the County has eleven homeless veterans, two of whom are women. Improvement noted for next year was to have a dentist available. He announced that he will be speaking at the American Legion in New Bern on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Sampson 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