

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN, SITTING AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2001 IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 11:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman C. W. "Pete" Bland
Vice-Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Commissioner Lee K. Allen
Commissioner Donald Phillips
Commissioner Albert H. Toon
Commissioner Charles F. Tyson, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner J. Harold Talton

STAFF PRESENT:

Harold Blizzard, County Manager
George B. Sawyer, Assistant County Manager
Richard F. Hemphill, County Finance Officer
Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
James R. Sugg, County Attorney

Commissioner Phillips moved to approve minutes of the September 5, 2000 session, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

REQUEST BY DELMA WHITE

The Board heard a request from Mr. Delma White to receive reimbursement for a sewer line construction involving his property with H & W Investments on Wilcox Road. The project was construction of a 3-inch sewer force main along Wilcox Road. The question was previously submitted to the Sewer Advisory Board, which did not reach a decision. The County Manager had rendered an opinion, partially based upon the Craven County Sewer Use Ordinance, which stipulates that the upsizing of a sewer force main to hydraulically accommodate a developer's capacity is not reimbursable. The opinion that the reimbursement would not be allowable was also based upon the fact that there was no advance approval by the Sewer Advisory Board prior to the construction. Mr. White had been reminded of his right to appeal to the Craven County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Tyson moved to allow reimbursement based on a reimbursement formula of \$8.25 per foot for eight (8) taps up to \$4,000, subject to documentation that Mr. White express satisfaction with this action and would bring no future claims. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON WATER PROJECTS

Rusty Hayes, Water and Sewer Superintendent, provided the Board an update on water projects that have been in the making. He reported on the Northwest Craven waterline project, the Township Six project, and the Township Seven project. He stated that the three (3) projects had been submitted for grants, but not accepted. Subsequently, a decision was made to convert the project funding to loans; however, the state has since converted some of the funds available as loans to grants, and the Township Six project was later approved for a grant in the amount of \$2.4 million. He stated that staff is currently studying alternative water sources in Township Seven. He recommended that the Board accept the grant for the Township Six water project, accept a partial loan in the amount of \$1 million for construction of lines in Northwest Craven, and decline the offer of a loan for the Neuse River Water and Sewer District (Township Seven) until the study on alternative water sources can be completed. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the recommendation to accept the grant for Township No. Six, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried. Commissioner Phillips moved to accept a partial loan of \$1 million for construction of lines in Northwest Craven and to decline

the loan offer for Neuse River Water & Sewer District (Township Seven) until a study can be completed on alternative water sources. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

At 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Phillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

Chairman, C.W. "Pete" Bland
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board