

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, OCTOBER 15, 2001 IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 10:05 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Chairman C.W. "Pete" Bland
- Vice-Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
- Commissioner Lee Kyle 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
- Ray H. Moser, Human Resources Director
- Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
- Jim B. Hicks, Representing County Attorney

Following the call to order, Commissioner Sampson moved to adopt minutes of the September 4, 2001 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND ORDINANCE UPDATE

Craven County Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, presented the following budget amendments and ordinance update for the Board's approval. Commissioner Allen moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Well #5/Twp 6 Improvements

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
413-0000-348-72-00	\$2,779,917.00	413-4513-475-75-02	\$ 10,414.00
DEHNR Grant		Eng bid Phase	
		413-4513-475-97-93	\$ 577,000.00
		Trans Fd 493	
		413-4514-475-76-01	\$1,767,079.00
		Const-Ormond	
		413-4514-475-75-02	\$ 93,722.00
		Engineer	
		413-4514-475-75-10	\$ 104,000.00
		Residnet Const Obs	
		413-4514-475-73-02	\$ 4,800.00
		Water Sys Imp	
		413-4514-475-76-59	\$ 90,597.00
		Contingency	
		413-4513-475-76-01	\$ 3,459.00
		Const	
		413-4514-475-76-02	\$ 17,755.00
		Easements	
		413-4514-475-15-10	\$ 44,091.00
		Legal	

		413-4514-475-73-05	\$ 27,000.00
		Land Purchase	
		413-4514-475-80.11	\$ 40,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,779,917.00	TOTAL	\$ 2,779,917.

Justification: Set up budget as submitted by McKim and Creed for Well #5 and Twp #6 Improvements project.

Water Operations

401-0000-366-08-00	\$ 12,000.00	401-4500-475-76-63	\$ 12,000.00
Fr Reserve (East Craven)		W/S Const	
TOTAL	\$ 12,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 12,000.00

Justification: Budget funds being transferred from water reserve to operating to cover the cost of water line removal and replacement on Salter Harris Rd in East Craven Water District.

JOURNAL ENTRY

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TRANSFER TO	AMOUNT
493-4500-475-98-40	\$ 12,000.00	493-0000-101-00-00	\$ 12,000.00
401-0000-101-00-00	\$ 12,000.00	401-0000-366-08-00	\$ 12,000.00

Transfer funds to cover Salter Harris Line move

Budget Amendment

493-0000-357-11-00	\$ 12,000.00	493-4500-475-98-40	\$ 12,000.00
East Craven Service Fees		Transfer to Operations Fund 401	
TOTAL	\$ 12,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 12,000.00

Justification: Budget funds from reserve to transfer to operations to cover the cost of moving lines on Salter Harris Road in East Craven Water District.

Ordinance:

Well #5-Twp #6 Improvements
Fund 413

This ordinance is hereby amended in the following amounts for expenditures.

Expenditures:	
Legal	\$ 50,000.00
Construction-General 1A	\$2,261,850.00
Architect-Engineering	\$ 160,276.00
Contingency	\$ 90,597.00
Land	\$ 38,035.00
Easements	\$ 10,000.00
Water System Improvements	\$ 4,800.00
Resident Observation	\$ 124,359.00
Construction Interest	\$ 40,000.00
Transfer to Fd 493 Water Reserve	\$ 577,000.00

TOTAL \$3,356,917.00

This ordinance is hereby approved in the following amounts for revenue.

Revenue:

Transfer in from reserve fd 493 \$ 577,000.00

DEHNR Grant \$2,779,917.00

TOTAL \$3,356,917.00

This ordinance is hereby amended this 15th day of October, 2001.

SALTER HARRIS FARM ROAD WATER LINE RELOCATION

Craven County Water and Sewer Superintendent, Rusty Hayes, informed the Board that the NC Department of Transportation has advised the County that it plans to extend and pave the Salter Harris Farm road about ¼ mile into what is currently a private road. The County’s water line currently runs adjacent to the road in space that will eventually be covered by the improved road. The Department of Transportation plans to construct the road; however, the Department policy does not allow water lines to run underneath a paved road. Therefore, they cannot proceed unless the water line is relocated. The estimated cost of relocating the line is \$12,000 and the County was requested to allow up to \$12,000 from water reserves for the relocation. Mr. Hayes further explained that the State would normally pay for this relocation; however, the circumstances are unique, inasmuch as the road was taken over at approximately the same time as the water lines were being installed. Commissioner Toon moved to approve the appropriation for relocation of the line, to be paid from water reserve, seconded by Commissioner Sampson. The motion carried in a roll call vote with five (5) “Ayes”, there being one (1) “Nay” from Commissioner Tyson.???

REQUEST BY EAST LILY MASONIC LODGE

The Board received a complaint from the East Lily Masonic Lodge concerning charges for a commercial water availability rate in the amount of \$17 per month. It argued that because it is a non-profit that it should not be charged the same as a business, but instead the residential fee of \$11 per month. The Board was reminded that the County does not have a non-profit availability fee, and that the request would involve a change in the rate structure. Commissioner Toon asserted that when the meters were put in for this location, the monthly availability charge was \$10 per month, which reflected the residential fee. He inquired when the lodge’s classification changed from residential to commercial, and moved that the classification of the lodge be changed back to “Residential”. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allen. During discussion, Commissioner Tyson emphasized that a change of policy, such as what is being requested, needs further study and should be universal. Commissioner Allen moved to defer consideration of this request until the Board’s next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Phillips.

Commissioner Allen moved to amend the motion, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and carried by five (5) “Ayes”, there being one (1) “Nay” by Commissioner Toon.

Commissioner Allen introduced an amended motion to defer consideration of the question until the Board’s next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

The Board received a brief update on upsizing the water line in the Western Craven area, followed by a motion for adjournment by Commissioner Tyson. Commissioner Phillips seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board