

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, NOVEMBER 19, 2001 IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 10:40 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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
James R. Sugg, County Attorney

STAFF ABSENT:

Harold Blizzard, County Manager

Following the call to order Commissioner Sampson moved to approve minutes of November 5, 2001, seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON NORTHWEST CRAVEN PROJECTS

Craven County Water and Sewer Superintendent, Rusty Hayes, provided an update on Northwest Craven projects. He advised the Board of an opportunity to obtain low interest State revolving loan funds, which would allow for installation of water lines on approximately twelve (12) roads in the district that currently do not have County water. He stated that the construction of these improvements at the low interest rates would not require a rate increase at this time. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,600,000. Mr. Hayes requested that the Board agree to the scope of the project and adopt the following resolution. Commissioner Talton moved to approve the project and adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried. The Chairman indicated to the Board that he would, in the future, be requesting consideration of line improvements on Maul Swamp Road, Lewis Road, and Spruilltown.

WHEREAS, The Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987, Federal Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, and the North Carolina Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act of 1987 have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of wastewater treatment works, wastewater collection systems, and water supply systems; and

WHEREAS, The Northwest Craven Water and Sewer District has need for and intends to construct a water system improvements project described as water system improvements to improve system hydraulics and extend service to citizens that currently do not have access to water service, and

WHEREAS, The Northwest Craven Water and Sewer District intends to request State loan assistance for the project:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTHWEST CRAVEN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT:

That Northwest Craven Water and Sewer District will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan.

The Northwest Craven Water and Sewer District will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of Northwest Craven Water and Sewer District agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the Northwest Craven Water and Sewer District to make scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the Northwest Craven Water and Sewer District any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

The Northwest Craven Water and Sewer District will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Calton W. Bland, Chairman of the Board of Directors and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Northwest Craven Water and Sewer District with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the construction of the project described above.

That Calton W. Bland, Chairman of the Board of Directors and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

The Northwest Craven Water and Sewer District has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 19th day of November at New Bern, North Carolina.

Industrial Park

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, advised the Board that the system transfer agreement for the water and sewer system at Industrial Park through the City of New Bern is scheduled for the upcoming Economic Development Committee Board meeting. He stated that the Committee would be discussing the details of the transfer at that time.

At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Talton moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

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

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk