

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN, SITTING AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICTS, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2003 IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 10:55 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Vice Chairman Lee Kyle Allen
Commissioner George Brown
Commissioner Bill Harper
Commissioner Perry Morris
Commissioner M. Renée Sisk
Commissioner Leon C. Staton

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
Arey Grady III, County Attorney's Office

Following the call to order, Commissioner Brown moved to approve minutes of February 17, 2003, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Water and Sewer Superintendent, Rusty Hayes, presented an overview of the Water and Sewer Department and project update. He advised the Board that the County is currently not in the sewer business, having transferred the Neuse River Sewer System to the City of New Bern. He informed the Board that the department sells between 1.6 and 1.9 million gallons per day and serves a population of approximately 25,000 users from Cove City to Adams Creek. There was discussion concerning plans to implement the required usage reduction for the Black Creek aquifer and the future need to tap into the Castle Hayne aquifer. Mr. Hayes advised the Board that it would likely be necessary to raise revenue when it becomes necessary to tap into the Castle Hayne aquifer.

Commissioner Staton inquired about the possibility of acquiring grants for laying sewer in areas where septic tanks cannot be approved. Mr. Hayes said that he would research those possibilities.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Morris, Mr. Hayes stated that the sewer project on thirteen roads currently underway is 30% complete.

At 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk