

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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2003 IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 9:50 P.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
James R. Sugg, County Attorney

Following the call to order, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve the minutes of August 18, 2003, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

CAPITAL RESERVE FEE

The Board was, at the request of Commissioner Morris, asked to review the fee of \$1,060, which is currently charged for deposit and capital reserve fees on new water taps. This fee also includes inspection. The portion of the fee that reflects the contribution to capital reserve is more than half the total fee. Commissioner Morris suggested that the cost be reduced by \$500, to \$560, because the fund has built up to a healthy reserve. He stated that the County's accumulated reserve in preparation for future needs is ahead of the schedule, as set out by the State in the capacity rules. Commissioner Staton moved to reduce the fee to \$560 effective September 3rd, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Water & Sewer Superintendent, Rusty Hayes, requested that the Board consider an exception in one case of a citizen who had inquired recently about this potential action by the Board and to whom he miscommunicated. Commissioner Staton amended his motion to include the request for exception. The amended motion carried with six (6) "Ayes", there being one (1) "Nay" from Commissioner Harper.

At 10:05 p.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried.

Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk