

**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, DECEMBER 6, 2004 IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE
CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET,
NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:25 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman George N. Brown, Jr.
Vice Chairman Perry Morris
Commissioner Lee Kyle Allen
Commissioner Bill Harper
Commissioner Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
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

The minutes of the March 15, 2004 and September 20, 2004 sessions were approved by motion of Commissioner Sisk, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried.

REQUEST FOR PROPERTY DISPOSITION

Water and Sewer Superintendent, Rusty Hayes, recommended that the County dispose of a parcel of land which was acquired by the County for the purpose of siting a well for the Northwest Craven Water District. The property is no longer utilized for this purpose and family members of the original owners have requested that they be allowed to purchase the parcel. The parcel, which was purchased from the Oldham family in 1986, is located on Dover Road approximately 2.7 miles from the intersection of NC Highway 55. The property has been appraised and valued at \$10,000 by the Craven County Tax Department. In addition, the County will incur approximate costs of \$1,800 for sealing the test well. Mr. Hayes recommended that the Board consider disposing of the parcel at an amount that would cover the investment that the water system has or will make. County Attorney, Jim Sugg, recommended that the Board establish a minimum bid of \$10,000 and handle the sale by auction. Commissioner Morris moved to dispose of the property in the manner proposed by the County Attorney, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

At 8:30 p.m. Commissioner Morris moved and adjourn to return to regular session, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.