

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN SITTING AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008 IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:50 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Chairman Jason R. Jones
- Vice Chairman Theron McCabe
- Commissioner Lee Kyle Allen
- Commissioner Perry L. Morris
- Commissioner Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
- Commissioner M. Renée Sisk
- Commissioner Steve Tyson

STAFF PRESENT:

- Harold Blizzard, County Manager
- Ray H. Moser, Assistant County Manager
- Richard F. Hemphill, County Finance Officer
- Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
- Jim Hicks, County Attorney

Following the roll call, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve minutes of the May 19, 2008 regular session, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

PEEDEE AQUIFER WELL PUMPS

Water Superintendent, Rusty Hayes, reported on bids received to install well pumps on three of the five new Peedee Aquifer wells, and reviewed the Hazen and Sawyer Engineers' summary of the bidding process and recommendation.

Commissioner Sisk moved to award the bid to the low bidder, McCall Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$229,853, as recommended. Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Budget Amendment

Pee Dee Aquifer

418-4519-475-76-59	\$229,853.00	418-4521-475-76-01	\$229,853.00
Contingency		New Wells 2008	
TOTAL	\$229,853.00	TOTAL	\$229,853.00

Justification: McCall Bro 3 new wells.

WATER SUPPLY AND TREATMENT FACILITIES PLAN

Mr. Hayes presented a proposal by McKim & Creed Engineers to “develop a water system master plan and investigate feasible engineering alternatives to determine long-term solution(s) to address the upcoming 2013 and 2018 Central Coastal Plain Capacity Use Area mandatory reductions in withdrawal from the Black Creek Aquifer”.

He reported that the cost for both engineering and special services to complete the work as described is estimated to exceed \$400,000. Staff requested McKim & Creed Engineers to divide the scope of the study into several tasks or steps in order to reduce or modify subsequent tasks based on findings of the previous steps. Commissioner Sisk moved to authorize Mr. Hayes to execute an agreement to perform Task #1, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.



Budget Amendment

Water Operations

401-4500-475-73-50	\$38,360.00	401-4500-475-75-02	\$38,360.00
Reserve		Engineering	
TOTAL	\$38,360.00	TOTAL	\$38,360.00

Justification: Water Supply and Treatment Facilities Plan

PROPOSED WATER RATE CHANGE

As previously discussed with the Board, Mr. Hayes presented the following rate schedule reflecting a tiered method, whereby the more water a customer uses, the higher the per thousand gallon rate.

Residential Availability Fee:	\$13.50 (includes \$3,000 Gallons)
Non-Residential Availability Fee	\$20.00

Per Gallon Rates:	
0-2,999 Gallons	\$0.00
3,000-5,999 Gallons	\$2.75
6,000-8,999 Gallons	\$3.00
Over 9,000 Gallons	\$3.25

The new schedule will comply with the State’s Capacity Use Rule and will encourage water conservation, in addition to establishing a uniform rate throughout the County, generating an estimated 4.8% in additional revenues to help fund future water projects. Commissioner McCabe moved to approve the proposed water rate schedule, as shown, effective January 1, 2009. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At 9:03 p.m. Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Chairman Jason R. Jones
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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