

**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, DECEMBER
7, 2009 IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH
CAROLINA. THE MEETING CONVENEED AT 8:14 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Jason Jones

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
Arey Grady, representing County Attorney

Following the roll call, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve minutes of the November 16, 2009 regular session, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WATER ORDINANCE

At the last meeting, the Board scheduled a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to receive public input from citizens on a proposed water ordinance. The proposed ordinance was presented to the Board on November 16, along with an addendum.

At 8:15 p.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to go into public hearing, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried. The following citizens spoke:

1. *John Thomas, 1994 Hood's Creek Drive*, proposed putting together a committee including stakeholders. He thinks that the ordinance needs more work and has concerns with items 1-7 notated in the ordinance.
2. *Herb Rawls* stated his disapproval over the proposed fee increases. He feels that these hard times are no time for fee increases and asked that the Board reject the fee increases.

Water Superintendent, Rusty Hayes, responded to some questions of Mr. Thomas, and it was emphasized that the proposed fee structure is separate from the ordinance. Adoption of the ordinance would not simultaneously adopt the fees, but would provide for the setting of the various fees by the Water Board.

At 8:30 p.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Sisk. There was consensus that the Board should meet in work session after some review of the concerns expressed, and at 8:31 p.m. Commissioner Tyson moved to recess to reconvene immediately following the reconvened regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 14, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Chairman Perry Morris
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board