

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN,  
SITTING AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CRAVEN COUNTY  
WATER DISTRICT, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 20,  
2011 IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH  
CAROLINA. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 9:39 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Steve Tyson  
Vice Chairman Lee Kyle Allen  
Commissioner Scott C. Dacey  
Commissioner Thomas F. Mark  
Commissioner Theron L. McCabe  
Commissioner Johnnie Sampson, Jr.  
Commissioner Jefferey S. Taylor

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Harold Blizzard, County Manager  
Jack B. Veit, III., Assistant County Manager  
Richard F. Hemphill, County Finance Director  
Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board  
Jim Hicks, County Attorney  
Aaron Arnette, County Attorney Associate

Following the roll call, Commissioner Mark moved to approve minutes of June 6, 2011 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

**WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN**

Rusty Hayes, Water Superintendent, updated the Board on the current water demand situation and proposed options for the Board in addressing this issue long term. He suggested that the Board consider increasing the rate for customers using more than 9,000 gallons of water per month, with the average usage being between 4,000-5,000 gallons. There would be a notice sent prior to any increases. Commissioner Taylor suggested putting a notice in the next billing warning of an impending rate increase. Commissioner Dacey suggested that a public hearing may be desirable, although not required. Mr. Hayes stated that the intent of the system, when built, was to provide potable water to rural areas. The capacity was not designed for significant amounts of other uses. The delivery system does not support large scale commercial or landscaping uses. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, suggested that the Board have a specific rate in mind before any public input is solicited. Commissioner Dacey requested that two documents outlining the proposed options distributed by Mr. Hayes be posted on the website, along with an explanatory memo, and including local municipalities' rates, once that information is obtained.

**OFFER TO PURCHASE APPROVAL IN REGULAR SESSION RATIFIED BY  
WATER BOARD**

Commissioner Allen moved to ratify action of the Board of Commissioners in regular session to approve the offer to purchase the 10 acre tract owned by Eddie Ellis, as the site of a new water plant, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried. It was determined that water capital reserve will pay for the purchase.

**REQUEST FOR FIRE HYDRANT**

Commissioner McCabe requested that a fire hydrant be placed at the fire house at 801 Ferry Road and that \$5,000 be appropriated from capital reserve for this purchase. There was discussion concerning how this is usually paid. Commissioner McCabe stated that the fire house on Ferry Road is the only fire department that does not have a fire hydrant. Commissioner Dacey stated that he would like to have more data on hydrant locations, and moved to contact Fire Marshal, Stanley Kite, and determine the demand for fire

hydrants at the fire departments, seconded by Commissioner Mark, and carried, there being one (1) “nay” from Commissioner McCabe.

At 10:08 a.m. Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

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Chairman Steve Tyson  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan  
Clerk to the Board