

**AGENDA
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2007
REGULAR SESSION
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2006 REGULAR SESSION

1. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Budget Amendments
 - B. Tax Releases and Refunds
 - C. Military Family of the Quarter Resolution
2. PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2007 CDBG
3. PETITIONS OF CITIZENS
 - A. Tenise Gooding
 - B. Andy Sipe
4. RECREATION REQUEST FOR BID AWARD: Jan Parker, Recreation & Parks Director
5. APPOINTMENTS
 - A. Health Board
 - B. Cove City Library Board
 - C. Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board
 - D. NCACC Legislative Liaison
6. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Jim Sugg
7. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: Harold Blizzard
8. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Agenda Date: January 2, 2007

Presenter: _____

Agenda Item No. 1

CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Craven County Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, submitted the following budget amendments for the Board's approval.

Amendments: Health – Asthma State Grant – Budget an additional \$399. in state funds to be used for asthma intervention supplies for schools, child care centers or homes.

Juvenile Restitution – Budget Juvenile Restitution fund balance in the amount of \$ 440. to cover the purchase of a heavy duty shredder. NO COUNTY FUNDS.

B. TAX RELEASES AND REFUNDS

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, submitted the routine requests for tax releases and refunds contained in Attachment #1.B. for the Board's approval.

C. MILITARY FAMILY OF THE QUARTER RESOLUTION

The Board has been requested to adopt the resolution appearing as Attachment #1.C. to be presented to the Military Family of the Quarter at the recognition luncheon to be held at 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 11. A Commissioner will also need to be designated to attend the luncheon at the New Bern Golf and Country Club and to present the resolution.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2007 CDBG

Chip Bartlett with Holland Consulting Planners will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments relative to the intention of the County to apply for FY2007 CDBG Community Revitalization funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act.

The following is a tentative list of proposed activities and an estimated budget. The draft application will be reviewed at the public hearing. The proposed C-1 housing target area is located along E. Bridge Street immediately outside of the Town of Bridgeton town limits.

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| 1. | C-1 Housing Activities (Rehabilitation, Acquisition, Clearance, and Relocation) | \$550,000 |
| 2. | C-1 Public Works Improvements | \$275,000 |
| 3. | C-1 Administration | <u>\$ 75,000</u> |
| | Total | \$900,000 |

Following the public hearing, the Board must take action to grant authority to the Chairman to sign and submit the application for funding. Also, in order to proceed with the application process, the Board must sign the attached resolution entitled "Craven County FY07 CDBG Community Revitalization Application, Resolution of Local Commitment and Signatory" (Attachment #2). By signing this resolution, the Board resolves to commit \$75,000 in unrestricted local revenues to the FY07 CDBG Community Revitalization project if funded. These funds will be disbursed at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners through the normal budgetary process during the FY07-08 and FY08-09 budget years.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

A. TENISE GOODING

Ms. Gooding appeared before the Board about a year ago to complain about the general condition of Rocky Run Park and specifically about the unsafe condition of some of the equipment. At that time the Board appropriated funds to rectify the unsafe conditions. During the following budget process the Board appropriated additional funds to make further improvements to the park.

Ms. Gooding now plans to submit to the Board a proposal for more renovations to the park she feels should be done. Although Ms. Gooding's intentions are good, the conditions at Rocky Run Park have been vastly improved from a year ago and further improvements there should be balanced with other needs of the Recreation Department and the County as a whole. Normally, requests such as Ms. Gooding will be making should be made to Jan Parker, Recreation Director, who will submit the request along with others for consideration by the Recreation Advisory Board. Afterwards Ms. Parker and the Recreation Board will prioritize all requests and make recommendations for consideration during the upcoming budget process. It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners advise Ms. Gooding of the steps normally taken to accomplish her goal and which will initiate a long range plan for improvements and insure fair treatment for all.

B. ANDY SIPE

Andy Sipe will present a request for a petition to close River Avenue in the Leesville section of Township 7. Mr. Sipe's business owns both parcels adjacent to this street. His request is shown as Attachment #3.B. If the Board agrees to approve the request, it will be necessary to adopt a resolution declaring the Board's intent and schedule a public hearing to be advertised once a week for three successive weeks prior to the hearing. A copy of the resolution must also be sent by certified mail to all adjacent property owners.

Agenda Date: January 2, 2007
Presenter: Jan Parker
Agenda Item No. 4

RECREATION REQUEST FOR BID AWARD

Recreation Director, Jan Parker, will present a recommendation, detailed in Attachment #4, to award a bid for clearing and grubbing at West Craven Park.

APPOINTMENTS

A. HEALTH BOARD

At the Board's last meeting, Jennetia Drake was nominated for reappointment and the Board was advised of vacancies in the veterinarian and engineering positions. All three appointments were deferred until this meeting.

B. COVE CITY LIBRARY BOARD

Commissioner Jones, who had been serving as a citizen on the Cove City Library Board, was appointed as a Commissioner representative on December 18, leaving the citizen at-large position vacant.

C. CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY BOARD

Attachment #5.C. is a letter of resignation from Judy Cox, who served as a representative of the Community College, and who is retiring.

D. NCACC LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Attachment #5.D. is a request from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) that the Board designate among its members a legislative liaison to the Association.

Agenda Date: January 2, 2007
Presenter: Jim Sugg
Agenda Item No. 6

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Agenda Date: January 2, 2007
Presenter: Harold Blizzard
Agenda Item No. 7

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Agenda Date: January 2, 2007

Presenter: _____

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COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS