

**AGENDA
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2008 REGULAR SESSION

1. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD
 - A. Election of Chairman
 - B. Election of Vice Chairman
 - C. Appointments of Commissioners to Boards and Committees

2. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Tax Releases
 - B. Budget Amendments
 - C. Area Service Person of the Quarter Resolution

3. PETITIONS OF CITIZENS
 - A. Marion Larabee
 - B. Michael Speciale
 - C. Charlie Simmons

4. TEEN COURT PRESENTATION: Brenda Hooks-Harris and Teen Court Officers

5. TWP. #9 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Stanley Kite, Emergency Services Director

6. APPOINTMENTS
 - A. Health Board
 - B. Appointments Due to Expire – December

7. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Jim Hicks

8. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: Harold Blizzard

9. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

10. CLOSED SESSION

Agenda Date: December 1, 2008
Presenter: _____
Agenda Item No. 1
Board Action Required: Yes

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

A. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

County Attorney, Jim Hicks, will preside over the election of the Chairman. The floor will be opened for nominees and the Board will vote on a Chairman by roll call vote. Following the vote, the oath of office will be administered to the newly elected Chairman and the Chairman will be seated.

B. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman will preside over the election of the Vice Chairman according to the same procedure as the election of the Chairman, followed by administration of the oath of office to the newly elected Vice Chairman. The Vice Chairman will then be seated to the right of the Chairman.

C. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Appointments of Commissioners to the boards and committees will need to be considered. Attachment #1.C. is a listing of appointments for 2008.

Board Action: As detailed in narrative.

Agenda Date: December 1, 2008
Presenter: _____
Agenda Item No. 2
Board Action Required: Yes

CONSENT AGENDA

A. TAX RELEASES

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, submitted the routine requests for tax releases contained in Attachment #2.A. for the Board's approval.

B. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

Amendments: Elections – Budget an additional \$ 11,170 State Grant to cover the cost of additional one Stop voting.

Non Departmental – Pass through – State award of \$ 6,775. for JCPC – United Cerebral Palsy – Home Based Alternative Program.

Planning – Repetitive Flood Claims – Budget Federal Grant passed through the State in the amount of \$ 106,721 for the Bickwit Elevation Project.

DSS Mandated Programs – Budget Share the Warmth funds in the amount of \$ 130 to cover program costs.

C. AREA SERVICE PERSON OF THE QUARTER

Attachment #2.C. is a resolution which the Board will be requested to adopt, recognizing Sergeant Justin E. Studler as Area Service Person of the Quarter. A representative of the Board is requested to make the presentation on December 4, 2008 at 12:00 noon at the New Bern Golf and Country Club.

Board Action: A roll call vote for approval of all consent agenda items

Agenda Date: December 1, 2008
Presenters: Larabee, Speciale, Simmons
Agenda Item No. 3
Board Action Required: No

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

A. MARION LARABEE

Mr. Larabee will address concerns about undocumented aliens in Craven County.

B. MICHAEL SPECIALE

Mr. Speciale wishes to speak about the allocation to the James City Historical Society.

C. CHARLIE SIMMONS

Mr. Simmons wishes to speak against the location of the new Judicial Center.

Board Action: None

Agenda Date: December 1, 2008
Presenter: Brenda Hooks-Harris
Agenda Item No. 4
Board Action Required: Yes

TEEN COURT PRESENTATION

Representatives of Teen Court will present their annual update, as they have done in the past.

Board Action: Receive report

Agenda Date: December 1, 2008
Presenter: Stanley Kite
Agenda Item No. 5
Board Action Required: Yes

TWP. #9 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

On behalf of the Twp. #9 Fire Department, Emergency Services Director, Stanley Kite, will advise the Board of the Department's intent to purchase a new fire truck. Although the Board's approval is not necessary for the purchase, the County's agreement with the Department stipulates that the Board be informed of its intent to make such purchases. Mr. Kite's correspondence and the Department's documentation appear as Attachment #5.

Board Action: Accept report

Agenda Date: December 1, 2008
Presenter: _____
Agenda item No. 6
Board Action Required: Yes

APPOINTMENTS

A. HEALTH BOARD

At the last regular session, the Board deferred appointments to the Health Board to replace Vincent Bowers (Public Citizen), Arabelle Bryant (Public Citizen), Robert Monteiro (Physician) and Mary Ann VanVoorhees (Nurse).

Board Action: Consider nominations

B. APPOINTMENTS DUE TO EXPIRE IN DECEMBER

Appointments are due to expire at the end of the month on the following Boards: EMS Advisory Council, Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees, Cove City Library and the Regional Library.

Board Action: Consider nominations with a motion to waive the one-meeting waiting requirement or defer consideration to next meeting

Agenda Date: December 1, 2008
Presenter: Jim Hicks
Agenda Item No. 6
Board Action Required: No

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Agenda Date: December 1, 2008
Presenter: Harold Blizzard
Agenda Item No. 8
Board Action Required: Yes

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT – REGIONAL LIBRARY AGREEMENT

The Board will recall a few months ago a State Library official advised that rules pertaining to regional libraries were in the process of being rewritten. Therefore, it was suggested that efforts to rewrite the agreement which forms the Craven, Carteret, Pamlico Regional Library be delayed until the new rules are available. In a recent discussion with Jackie Beach, staff learned that the State's new rules are still not available and may not be so for some time. Consequently, Ms. Beach has agreed to move forward in drafting a new agreement realizing that it may have to be modified later when, and if, the State finally develops new rules. In the rewriting process, County staff will be working with Ms. Beach to include elements to address issues and concerns expressed about the current arrangement. Although this process may take considerable time before a new agreement can be approved, it is generally believed that all issues can be resolved to everyone's satisfaction. Nonetheless, the Board is advised that the deadline is December 31 for giving notice to withdraw Craven County's membership with the Regional Library effective June 30, 2009. Consequently, should there be any interest in submitting such notice it would need to be done by the December 15 meeting of the Board.

Board Action: Receive report

Agenda Date: December 1, 2008

Presenter: _____

Agenda Item No. 9

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Agenda Date: December 1, 2008
Presenter: _____
Agenda Item No. 10
Board Action Required: Yes

CLOSED SESSION

The Board will be requested to go into closed session to discuss property acquisition pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) and to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6).

Board Action: Motion to go into closed session