

**AGENDA
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2009 REGULAR SESSION AND
JANUARY 27, 2009 RECONVENED SESSION

1. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Tax Releases and Refunds
 - B. Budget Amendments
 - C. Subdivisions for Approval
 - D. Road Addition Request

2. PETITIONS OF CITIZENS
 - A. Marion Larabee
 - B. Ray Griffin
 - C. Charlie Simmons
 - D. Ethel Raynor
 - E. Albert Cox

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR 7:00 P.M.
 - A. CARTS – FY 2010 Community Transportation Program Grant Application
 - B. Proposed Redesignation of SR 1005 (Old U.S. 70)

4. ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT BUDGET REQUEST: Esther Hardin, Chair, Craven County Board of Elections

5. EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENTATION: Ira Whitford, Assistant Director, Craven County Emergency Services
 - A. No. Seven Township EMS Request
 - B. Crystal Coast Medical Transport Application
 - C. Recommendation Regarding AMBUMED

6. PROPOSED RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
7. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Jim Hicks
8. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: Harold Blizzard
9. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

**AGENDA
CRAVEN COUNTY WATER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009**

ROLL CALL

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2009 REGULAR SESSION

1. FINDINGS OF TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM #2 – WATER SUPPLY SOURCE ALTERNATIVES: Jeff Adkins, McKim & Creed

CONSENT AGENDA

A. TAX RELEASES AND REFUNDS

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, submitted the routine requests for tax releases and refunds contained in Attachment #1.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: Twp 7 Rescue Squad/Vanceboro VFD – Budget reimbursement from Dept of Transportation for construction costs associated with paving access to the entrance of the new Twp 7 EMS station (\$ 20,895) and the new Vanceboro Volunteer Fire and Rescue building (\$ 24,350). Craven County advanced Twp 7 Rescue Squad their portion in August 2008. Vanceboro VFD's allotment will be passed to them upon receipt of DOT funds.

C. SUBDIVISIONS FOR APPROVAL

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, submitted the following subdivisions for approval.

Linister-Carmon Division - Final

- Property owned by Elizabeth L. Payton and surveyed by Gaskins Land Surveying
- Property located within Twp 9 off of SR 1423 (W. Craven Middle School Road)
- Subdivision contains 1 lot on 1.30 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and an individual septic system
- Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval

Ronnie L. Wiggins Division - Final

- Property owned by Ruby L. Wiggins and surveyed by Gaskins Land Surveying
- Property located within Twp 1 off of SR 1447 (Campbell Road)
- Subdivision contains 1 lot on 2.24 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and an individual septic system
- Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval

William Davis Smith, Jr. Division - Final

- Property owned by William D. Smith and surveyed by Atlantic Surveying
- Property located within Twp 1 off of SR 1444 (Bear Hole Road)
- Subdivision contains 1 lot on 2 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and an individual septic system
- Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval

D. ROAD ADDITION REQUEST

The Planning staff received a request to add the following roads to the state maintenance system; Mickelson Drive and Wadkins Blvd. in the Oak Creek Estates at Carolina Pines; Didrikson Drive and Duval Lane in the River Ridge Estates at Carolina Pines located within Township 6.

Board Action: Roll call vote to approve all consent items.

Agenda Date: March 2, 2009
Presenters: Larabee, Griffin, Simmons, Raynor,
Cox
Agenda Item No. 2
Board Action Required: No

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

A. MARION LARABEE

Mr. Larabee will address the Board concerning local law enforcement collaboration with Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS) with regard to undocumented aliens.

B. RAY GRIFFIN

Mr. Griffin wishes to address the Board concerning tax issues.

C. CHARLIE SIMMONS

Mr. Simmons wishes to address the Board concerning the location of the new Judicial Center.

D. ETHEL RAYNOR

Ms. Raynor wishes to address the Board concerning the location of the new Judicial Center.

E. ALBERT COX

Mr. Cox wishes to address the Board concerning the location of the new Judicial Center.

Board Action: None

Agenda Date: March 2, 2009
Presenters: _____
Agenda Item No. 3
Board Action Required: Yes

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR 7:00 P.M.

A. CARTS – FY 2010 COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION

A public hearing will be held, as advertised, to receive public comment regarding the FY 2010 Community Transportation (CTP) grant application.

Board Action: Receive public comment and consider grant application.

B. PROPOSED REDESIGNATION OF SR 1005 (OLD U.S. 70)

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment regarding a proposed County resolution to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, which would request that NCDOT change the state route designation of SR1005 to US Hwy 70A, at a point beginning at the Jones County line, to the intersection of First Street and US Hwy 70 in the City of New Bern. The County is not proposing to change the County street name, and the resolution is expressly predicated upon NCDOT not requiring the County to change the County street name.

Assuming that the resolution is adopted, and NCDOT complies, the NCDOT state route designation would be “US Hwy 70A” (or something similar), and the County road name would remain “Old US 70 Hwy.”

Board Action: Receive public comment and consider proposed resolution.

Agenda Date: March 2, 2009
Presenter: Esther Hardin
Agenda Item No. 4
Board Action Required: Yes

ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT BUDGET REQUEST

Ms. Esther Hardin, Chairwoman of the Craven County Board of Elections, will request a budget amendment in the amount of \$37,470 to come from fund balance to cover budget overruns in certain line items as a result of the recent General Election. Most of the transfer (\$31,310) will be needed to cover part-time salaries. The amount budgeted for part time was \$70,190, but \$101,500 was spent. It appears that part time salaries were significantly underbudgeted and it is unknown exactly how the budgeted amount was calculated. Additionally, it seems there was little or no management of part time staff working at both One Stop polling places and Election Day polls, primarily a result of poor scheduling and supervision. FICA and Workers' Compensation line items will need \$4,760 as a direct result of part time salaries being over budget. Most of the remaining request is to cover paint damages to the Cove City Fire Department which occurred during the One Stop election.

Board Action: Transfer \$37,470 from Fund Balance. A roll call vote will be necessary.

Agenda Date: March 2, 2009
Presenter: Ira Whitford
Agenda Item No. 5
Board Action Required: Yes

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENTATION

A. NUMBER SEVEN TOWNSHIP EMS REQUEST

Number Seven Township EMS requested to advance to the paramedic level of care. The Advisory Council voted to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve this change in the EMS System Plan and support Township Seven in this advancement. The Commissioners need to approve the action to allow Emergency Services to proceed with the application to modify the EMS System Plan. The intent is to implement the coverage beginning March 16, 2009.

Board Action: Consider Approval of Recommended Application to change the EMS System Plan

B. CRYSTAL COAST MEDICAL TRANSPORT

The EMS Advisory Council reviewed an application from Crystal Coast Medical Transport. It is the recommendation of the EMS Advisory Council to grant an ambulance franchise to Crystal Coast as soon as there is a vacancy in the current private providers. There is currently a restriction of 4 private providers as outlined in the Craven County Ambulance Ordinance. If approved this would require a second reading and approval of the Commissioners before the franchise could be issued.

Board Action: Consider ambulance franchise application

C. AMBU MED Ambulance Service

The EMS Advisory Council determined through information from NC OEMS that Ambu Med Ambulance Service has left North Carolina and is no longer a credentialed ambulance service in NC. The Council recommends that the Board of Commissioners remove Ambu Med from the approved list of providers waiting for an ambulance franchise.

Board Action: Vote to remove Ambu Med from Provider List

Agenda Date: March 2, 2009
Presenter: _____
Agenda Item No. 6
Board Action Required: Yes

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT**

At the Board's February 16 meeting, Commissioner Morris introduced a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment prohibiting gay marriage in North Carolina. No action was taken on the matter pending additional information to be provided by the County Attorney. Subsequently, Mr. Hicks studied the proposed resolution along with relevant federal and state laws on marriage and provided an opinion as shown in Attachment #6. The proposed resolution is also shown in Attachment #6.

Board Action: Consider Resolution for Adoption

Agenda Date: March 2, 2009
Presenter: Jim Hicks
Agenda Item No. 7

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Agenda Date: March 2, 2009
Presenter: Harold Blizzard
Agenda Item No. 8
Board Action Required: Yes

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT – NC 20, INC.

At its February 16 meeting, the Board requested additional information on the recently formed NC 20 which will “allow all 20 CAMA counties to work together jointly on problems such as stormwater regulations and, most recently, the insurance increase”. Attachment #8 contains information about the new organization that you were provided previously.

At this time, this organization has no plans to participate in the lawsuit to stay insurance rate increases. Membership dues for counties and municipalities are \$0.10 per capita, a minimum of \$500 and maximum of \$5,000. Dues for individuals and businesses have not yet been established.

Board Action: Consider Membership

Agenda Date: March 2, 2009

Presenter: _____

Agenda Item No. 9

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Agenda Date: March 2, 2009
Presenter: Jeff Adkins
Agenda Item No. 10
Board Action Required: Yes

FINDINGS OF TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM #2 – WATER SUPPLY SOURCE ALTERNATIVES

Jeff Adkins with Mc Kim and Creed will present the findings of the Technical Memorandum No. 2 – Water Source Alternatives. He will present a 10-15 minute power point presentation and at the conclusion will see how the Board will want to proceed based on his recommendation.

Board Action: Receive presentation, and direct consultant