

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA, ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Jason R. Jones
 Chairman George S. Liner
 Commissioner Theron L. McCabe
 Commissioner Thomas F. Mark
 Commissioner E. T. Mitchell (via telephone)
 Commissioner Beatrice R. Smith

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Vice Chairman Denny Bucher

STAFF PRESENT:

Jack B. Veit, III, County Manager
 Gene Hodges, Assistant County Manager
 Craig Warren, Finance Director
 Amber Parker, Human Resources Director
 Arey Grady, County Attorney
 Nan Holton, Clerk to the Board
 Lauren Wargo, Assistant to the County Manager

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, County Attorney, Arey Grady, recited the following invocation:

Almighty God, ruler of all things and all men, You have set all things to move in harmony; You desire that men dwell in unity and love.

Cause people everywhere to respect law and justice. Where people are unjust, inhuman, and cruel, send correction. Where they are at war, send peace.

Give to those whom You have placed in the seats of honor and power the blessing of sound judgment, the skill of making wise decisions, the patience to act in due time, and the tact for being mutually helpful.

May wisdom and knowledge be the stability of our time, and our deepest trust be in You, the Lord of nations and the King of kings. Amen.

Based upon the invocation given by Reverend Robert Rosenberg at the May 11, 2000 session of the US House of Representatives

Chairman Jones recognized and welcomed Trinity, a student who is currently doing school studies on county government. He expressed appreciation for her interest.

Commissioner Mark motioned to approve the agenda, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Liner and approved 6-0 in a roll call vote.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

There were no citizens from the public that signed up to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Mark motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, inclusive of the Minutes of February 21, 2022 Regular Session, February 21, 2022 Reconvened Session, Tax Releases and Refunds (**Credits = \$112,510.51; Refunds = \$362.85**), Health Budget Amendment (WIC Funding Increase), Military Service Person of the Quarter Resolution and Re-Entry Month Proclamation. Commissioner Liner seconded the motion which carried 6-0 in a roll call vote.

Health/WIC

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
1015061-33402 WIC Client Services	\$1,322.00	1015061-43240 Other Supplies	\$1,322.00
TOTAL	\$1,322.00	TOTAL	\$1,322.00

Justification: WIC received a funding increase, applicable from January through May 2022, in the amount of \$1,322.00. Funds will be used to purchase office chairs in the WIC department.

**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING SERGEANT SANDRA ACCILIEN
AS MILITARY SERVICE PERSON OF THE
QUARTER**

WHEREAS, Sergeant Sandra Accilien is currently stationed aboard Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, NC, working with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 14 as an Administrative Specialist and Work Center NCO; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Accilien’s self-respect, goal orientation and self-determination were learned by the examples set by her mother and brother, and she continues to seek self-improvement and education in her achievements towards earning a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice while simultaneously sustaining superior performance as an active duty Marine; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Accilien dedicates her off duty time to the local community with her volunteerism at the Craven County Animal Shelter, assisting with sanitation, cleaning, upkeep and overall maintenance of the shelter, as well as supporting emotional rehabilitation, health and conditioning activities for malnourished and abused animals; and

WHEREAS, her strong core values contribute to the example she sets as a Noncommissioned Officer and leader of Marines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS recognizes Sergeant Sandra Accilien for her intensive work ethic and selfless leadership to her community and the United States Marine Corps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS congratulates her on being selected for Military Service Person of the Quarter.

Adopted this 7th day of March 2022

**RE-ENTRY MONTH
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, 70 million Americans have a criminal record of some kind; and

WHEREAS 600,000 individuals are released from Federal and State prisons each year; and

WHEREAS policies that limit a second chance are detrimental to opportunities related to employment with local governments, state governments, federal government, and private companies; and

WHEREAS, engaging the private sector and honoring Champions of Change are an important tool, along with proper education in reducing recidivism; and

WHEREAS Craven County continues to partner with the Craven Pamlico Re-Entry Council, Craven Community College, local industry, and all units of government to promote re-entry efforts for motivated individuals to compete for jobs, attain stable housing, support their families, and contribute to their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of April as Re-Entry Month in Craven County and encourages residents to observe this month and recognize the efforts of those who work to improve rehabilitation and reintegration of formerly incarcerated individuals.

Adopted this 7th day of March 2022.

**DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: PLANNING – SUBDIVISION FOR APPROVAL –
PLANTATION HARBOR PHASE 3A: FINAL**

Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, presented the following recommended subdivision for the Board's approval.

Plantation Harbor Ph. 3A – Final

- Property is owned by Kevin Mullineaux
- Surveyed by Robert H. Davis, PLS
- Property is located within Twp. 5 off of Antebellum Drive (Private Road)
- Parcel ID 5-013-4-012-E
- Subdivision contains 19 lots on 14.81 acres
- Lots will be served by Craven County Water and a private wastewater treatment system operated by the Plantation Harbor Property Owner's Association

Commissioner Mark motioned to approve the subdivision, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell.

Commissioner Smith had several inquiries as to whether this would be a state-maintained road or a private road. Mr. Baumgardner responded it is a private road built to DOT standards, but it would be the responsibility of the property owners to maintain the road. After more discussion, he indicated he would request a Disclosure Statement be attached to the deed.

In a roll call vote, the subdivision was approved 6-0.

APPOINTMENTS

Pending

Chairman Jones reviewed the following pending appointments:

- Community Child Protection Team
- Craven County Board of Adjustments
- Craven Aging Planning Board

Current

Fire Tax Commissioner

It was the consensus to table this appointment until the Board's next meeting.

Upcoming

Chairman Jones reviewed the following upcoming appointments to boards and committees due to expire April/May 2022.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

*Initial Offer to Purchase Real Property – 1106 Broad Street, New Bern
(Parcel Number 8-012-A-325)*

County Attorney, Arey Grady, reported that Craven County has received an offer in the amount of \$5,400.00 for this real property, which was acquired jointly with the City of New Bern through a tax foreclosure, with past due taxes and costs of foreclosure totaling \$4,626.02. The tax value of this property is \$10,800.00.

He noted that this property is jointly owned with the City of New Bern, which has already approved this initial offer.

Mr. Grady indicated that should the Board of Commissioners approve this transaction, the proposed resolution should be adopted, which will in turn authorize advertisement for upset bids. Once the upset bid process is concluded, this transaction will be brought back before the Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Commissioner Mark motioned to adopt the following resolution approving the transaction and to authorize advertisement for upset bids. Commissioner Smith second the motion which was approved 6-0 in a roll call vote.

**CRAVEN COUNTY
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OFFER TO PURCHASE
SUBJECT TO UPSET BIDS**

WHEREAS, Craven County and the City of New Bern own certain real property identified as Tax Parcel Number 8-012-A-325 (hereinafter “the Real Property”), the Real Property having been acquired by Craven County in deed recorded in Book 3515, Page 1436 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Craven County; and,

WHEREAS, Craven County and the City of New Bern have received an Offer to Purchase the Real Property, a copy of said offer being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, the City of New Bern has previously approved said offer: and,

WHEREAS, the Craven County Board of Commissioners is authorized to sell Craven County’s interest in real property pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §160A-269.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CRAVEN COUNTY THAT:

1. The Craven County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the initiation of the upset bid process for the Real Property by advertising notice of the offer to purchase in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute §160A-269.

2. The County Manager, the Assistant County Manager, the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and/or County Attorney are authorized to take all actions necessary to accomplish the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF MARCH 2022.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

The following citizens signed up to speak:

1. *Calvin Williams, 1010 Hines Drive*
2. *Edwin Vargas, 119 Randomwood Lane*

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager, Jack Veit, expressed enthusiasm about having a young student present who is interested in county government.

Mr. Veit stated that CRSWMA funded three litter pick-ups and has begun along Highway 70, extending into James City and Riverdale. He indicated that litter pick-up by inmates has also resumed. Requests may be made known to Lauren Wargo, Assistant to the County Manager.

Mr. Veit reported the FY22-23 budget discussions between staff and department heads begin this week occupying much of his time.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Mark was very happy to announce that CarolinaEast Medical Center was named 101 out of 6,090 hospitals, ranking them in the top 1.6% of US hospitals, which is great recognition for us locally. He stated there are currently 13 Covid patients hospitalized; with 10 having received some form of vaccine; 2 patients in ICU; both incubated.

Commissioner McCabe had nothing to report.

Commissioner Mitchell reported she was attending the NC Military Affairs Committee event in Washington DC.

Commissioner Liner commented on Kevin Hines, an Air Force veteran who has recently been put on hospice. He stated that Mr. Hines has lived in the area a long time and has been heavily involved with veterans' groups; flights for WW2 vets; assisting vets during Desert Storm and Desert Shield making sure they were home for the holidays. Mr. Liner noted that an awards presentation was held for him recently at his home in Carolina Colours. Commissioner Liner requested staff to draft a letter of appreciation from the Board to present to him.

Commissioner Mark motioned to draft a letter of appreciation for the service of Air Force Veteran Kevin Hines, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and approved 6-0 in a roll call vote.

Commissioner Liner then reported on a recent meeting with the Airport Authority, DOT and state representatives in regard to Williams Road and getting it moved in order for the runway to be extended. He indicated that all paperwork, as well as the environmental impact study has been completed. He relayed that DOT would like to have a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners to move Williams Road so they can look at their contingency funding for this project. Commissioner Liner motioned staff to draft a resolution of support and authorize the Chairman's signature. Commissioner Mark seconded the motion, and it was approved in a 6-0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTION

BY THE CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SUPPORT WILLIAMS ROAD RELOCATION AND AIRPORT RUNWAY EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the current configuration of Williams Road prohibits the airport runway extension at Carolina Regional Airport (the "Airport),

WHEREAS, relocating Williams Road and extending the Airport's runway will allow for enhanced commercial airport activity including more robust passenger and cargo air service,

WHEREAS, economic development opportunities will be realized due to enhanced commercial airport activity that is vital to Craven County and Eastern North Carolina,

WHEREAS, North Carolina Department of Transportation is currently evaluating different options that would involve relocating Williams Road onto existing Airport owned property,

WHEREAS, additional state funding will allow for the required environmental study and preliminary design work for relocating Williams Road,

WHEREAS, North Carolina Department of Transportation has advised that funding will be available to expedite the environmental study and preliminary design work, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Craven County Board of Commissioners supports expediting the funding for the needed study to evaluate the relocation of Williams Road and Airport runway extension that will impact Airport resiliency.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of March 2022.

Commissioner Smith had nothing to report.

Chairman Jones commented on several recent fires in the area and stated how fortunate and blessed we are to have our volunteer firemen for all they do. He encouraged citizens to be very diligent of weather conditions before burning.

At 7:33 pm, Commissioner Mark motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Liner and approved 6-0 in a roll call vote.

Chairman Jason R. Jones
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Nan Holton
Clerk to the Board