

1 **THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN MET IN**
2 **REGULAR SESSION IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN**
3 **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN,**
4 **NORTH CAROLINA, ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020. THE MEETING CONVENED**
5 **AT 8:30 A.M.**

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7 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

8 Chairman Thomas F. Mark
9 Vice Chairman Jason R. Jones
10 Commissioner Denny Bucher
11 Chairman George S. Liner
12 Commissioner Theron L. McCabe
13 Commissioner E. T. Mitchell
14 Commissioner Johnnie Sampson, Jr.

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16 **STAFF PRESENT:**

17 Jack B. Veit III, County Manager
18 Gene Hodges, Assistant County Manager
19 Craig Warren, Finance Director
20 Amber Parker, Human Resources Director
21 Nan Holton, Clerk to the Board
22 Arey Grady, County Attorney

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

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27 Merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

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29 As we meditate on all the blessings of life, we especially pray for the blessing of peace in our lives and in
30 our world.

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32 As sickness spreads in our world, we ask Your blessings on those men and women whose life work is the
33 health of the world's population and whose efforts to stem the spread of disease have endangered their
34 own well-being. Give them insight and protection in the days and weeks to come.

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36 May Your special blessings be upon this Board of Commissioners, in the important, sometimes difficult
37 work they do. Give them wisdom and charity, that they might work together for the common good.

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39 May all that is done this day in the people's House be for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

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42 **Based upon the opening prayer given by Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, S.J. the February 27, 2020**
43 **session of the United States House of Representatives.**

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45 Chairman Mark requested the Agenda be amended by adding Health Director, Scott Harrelson,
46 before the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Liner motioned to approve the Agenda as amended;
47 seconded by Commissioner McCabe and approved unanimously.

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49 Health Director, Scott Harrelson, informed the Board of the three negative tests and the one
50 positive COVID-19 test results found in Craven County. He indicated the infected person had
51 traveled outside of the country, and was now isolated. Family members and those who had
52 contact with him are self-quarantined. He highlighted that all 32 cases in the state of North
53 Carolina can be traced back to travel, so community transmission doesn't seem to have occurred.
54 Mr. Harrelson outlined the protocol followed to require COVID-19 testing and the delay in
55 getting test results. He reported that his staff is currently in good position with plenty of PPE
56 (personal protection equipment), and while there is just a small number of tests available now, he
57 anticipates getting more.

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59 Commissioner Jones requested more information about contact implications and the actual
60 symptoms. Mr. Harrelson explained the Ring Method being utilized to track down those who
61 may have had contact with anyone that tests positive. He stressed that social distancing is
62 extremely important. He reported that a fever and deep cough present themselves, requiring the
63 person to be tested for the seasonal flu; and if that comes back negative, then they would be
64 tested for COVID-19 and would go into isolation until the results come back negative.

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66 Commissioners Bucher, Mitchell, and Sampson thanked the Health Department leadership and
 67 staff for all they were doing to address this issue.

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 69 Commissioner Jones reported that the individual who tested positive is a friend and that he has
 70 been corresponding with him. Mr. Jones shared a written testimony from the individual
 71 commending the Craven County Health Department for their quick response and purposefully
 72 working with him to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

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 74 Chairman Mark stated that limiting social contact and washing hands is of utmost importance
 75 and requested that the public refrain from panic purchasing.

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 77 County Manager, Jack Veit, reported on the County’s actions as a result of Craven County
 78 Coronavirus Prevention Resource Team (CCCPRT) meeting held on Friday and the department
 79 head meeting on Sunday. He stated that inclement weather incidents are about putting things
 80 back together; this is a public health crisis and it is about prevention. Mr. Veit stated that County
 81 government cannot just shut their doors as it provides human services, many of which are
 82 mandated to provide, but those services must be provided with safety in mind.

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 84 Mr. Veit shared the information released in the March 14th media briefing and public
 85 announcement document and indicated another press release would be going out at the end of the
 86 day.

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 88 He stressed that in effect as of today, until March 31st:

- 89 • There will be no out of county travel for employees, unless essential to their job
- 90 • While county employees cannot be restricted in their personal travel, if their travel puts
 91 others in danger, then they may be asked to self-quarantine for 14 days
- 92 • Outside groups are prohibited from using county meeting spaces
- 93 • Continuing to encourage everyone to wash their hands, sanitize their spaces, and limit
 94 social contact
- 95 • Events at the convention center have been halted; even the month of April is tentative
- 96 • All organized use of County Parks is canceled; the parks will remain open for the public
 97 to use
- 98 • The senior center has halted all operations and congregate meals
- 99 • Requesting the public limit their contact with county government by calling, emailing or
 100 using the webpage to seek answers/help prior to coming to a location

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 102 Mr. Veit expressed the importance of providing continuity of government and concerns over
 103 child care issues that will arise because of schools closing.

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 105 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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 107 Commissioner Mitchell motioned to approve the consent agenda, as presented, inclusive of the
 108 Minutes of March 2, 2020, Tax Releases and Refunds, Child Abuse Prevention Month
 109 Proclamation and 811 Safe Digging Month Proclamation. Commissioner Sampson seconded the
 110 motion which carried 7-0 in a roll call vote.

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 112 **Credits**

114 TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
116 ALDERMAN, NICHOLAS AUBREY 117 MILITARY EXEMPT	2019-210665	\$128.50
119 AMERICAN COMPUTER 120 DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1	2019-400570	\$20.35
122 ANDERSON, STEPHEN WORLEY 123 NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY	2019-212750	\$399.87
125 ANGEL, KENNETH RANDALL 126 DOUBLE BILLED	2019-212840	\$81.88

128	BELLM, JUSTIN A	2019-211418	\$34.16
129	MILITARY EXEMPT		
130			
131	BLUWATER LLC	2019-400624	\$60.59
132	NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY		
133			
134	BROOKS, LARON & JACQUELINE	2019-48233	\$124.20
135	RECYCLE FEE CORRECTION		
136			
137	BROUSSARD, CODY & KELSEY	2019-210497	\$7.56
138	NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY		
139			
140	CASEY, TIMOTHY JOHN	2019-204651	\$54.97
141	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
142			
143	CHAPMAN, NATASHA M	2019-400701	\$33.12
144	DOUBLE BILLED		
145			
146	CHEATHAM, DUSTIN DAVID	2019-211443	\$16.65
147	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
148			
149	CHILDCARE NETWORK INC #75	2019-201063	\$357.35
150	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
151			
152	CLIFFORD, HEATH MANNING	2019-212288	\$80.77
153	MILITARY EXEMPT		
154			
155	CLOWERS, KATHERINE BARBARA	2019-402226	\$47.82
156	NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY		
157			
158	CLOWERS, KATHERINE BARBARA	2019-402227	\$54.53
159	NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY		
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161	CLOWERS, KATHERINE BARBARA	2019-402225	\$42.98
162	NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY		
163			
164	COASTAL LEARNING RESOURCES INC	2019-400358	\$18.22
165	DOUBLE BILLED		
166			
167	COLE, MARINA SMITH	2019-205990	\$108.57
168	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
169			
170	COWARD, OWEN KENNETH SR	2019-2844	\$236.51
171	INOCRRRECT OWNER/REBILL		
172			
173	D'AURORA, DANIEL ANDREW	2019-212172	\$149.39
174	MILITARY EXEMPT		
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176	DAVIS, BRANDON LEE	2019-211855	\$21.04
177	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
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179	DAY, RION G	2019-400370	\$1,650.86
180	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
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183	EBORN, KEVIN GLENN	2019-90033	\$2.27
184	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
185			
186	FERRANTE, GUY & DEBORAH S	2019-400067	\$1,438.72
187	CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE		
188			
189	FERRANTE, GUY & DEBORAH S	2019-212691	\$1,337.09

190	CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE		
191			
192	FINE ART AT BAXTERS LLC	2019-205303	\$27.37
193	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
194			
195	GARMONG, JAMES M	2019-211496	\$41.13
196	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
197			
198	GILLIS, MARY LOUISE	2019-21920	\$60.00
199	RECYCLE FEE CORRECTION		
200			
201	HAMILTON, ARTHUR JR HRS	2019-20216	\$62.10
202	RECYCLE FEE CORRECTION		
203			
204	HAMM, DILLON C	2019-208695	\$64.62
205	INCORRECT SITUS/REBILL		
206			
207	HAUCK, WAYNE O III	2019-206707	\$118.05
208	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
209			
210	HAWKINS, RODNEY E & HAWKINS BURNEY	2019-32445	\$61.65
211	DWELLING VACANT		
212			
213	HENDERSON, WILLIAM RAY	2019-208454	\$97.44
214	CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE		
215			
216	HENSON, DONALD BRYAN	2019-2106956	\$14.65
217	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
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219	HENSON, MISTY LEE	2019-402614	\$6.06
220	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
221			
222	HENSON, MISTY LEE	2019-402613	\$5.65
223	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
224			
225	HOSAKA, DAYLA JETONNE	2019-212055	\$102.68
226	MILITARY EXEMPT		
227			
228	IPOCK, HARRY J	2019-32228	\$61.65
229	DWELLING VACANT		
230			
231	IPOCK, JEREMY NATHANIEL	2018-29411	\$66.43
232	INOCRRRECT OWNER/REBILL		
233			
234	JOHNSON, DAESHAWAN ONEIL	2018-30593	\$21.20
235	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
236			
237	JOHNSON, DAESHAWAN ONEIL	2019-208759	\$18.88
238	DID NOW OWN JANUARY 1		
239			
240	JOHNSON, HARRY W JR	2019-20182	\$61.65
241	RECYCLE FEE CORRECTION		
242			
243	JOHNSON, HARRY W JR	2019-20826	\$61.65
244	RECYCLE FEE CORRECTION		
245			
246	JOHNSON, HARRY W JR	2019-21571	\$61.65
247	RECYCLE FEE CORRECTION		
248			
249	JORDAN, EDWIN CHRISTY JR & JANICE	2019-211954	\$209.34
250	CORRECTED DISCOVERED PROPERTY VALUE		
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252	KNIGHT, MARK E & JENNIFER E	2019-400924	\$21.17
253	INCORRECT SITUS/REBILL		
254			
255	LASKOVICS, STEPHEN F & MERIDITH A	2019-212709	\$132.34
256	DOUBLE BILLED		
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258	LASKOVICS, STEPHEN FREDERICK	2019-212285	\$153.04
259	BILLING ERROR		
260			
261	LEONARD, MARK	2019-212130	\$234.63
262	LATE LISTING CHARGED IN ERROR		
263			
264	LITFIN, GARRETT G & PAGE M	2019-212134	\$81.15
265	MILITARY EXEMPT		
266			
267	LOPPACHER, PETER	2019-212620	\$325.23
268	NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY		
269			
270	LYNCH, RONALD K	2019-211730	\$20.93
271	DOUBLE BILLED		
272			
273	MAO, RICKY & STEPHANIE	2018-37136	\$501.14
274	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
275			
276	MAO, RICKY & STEPHANIE	2019-210069	\$406.82
277	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
278			
279	MCFARLAND, DUANE J & ELIZABETH A	2019-203741	\$6.21
280	NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY		
281			
282	MILLS, STEPHEN W	2019-211556	\$6.77
283	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
284			
285	MIRANDA, CHRISTOHPER M	2019-400902	\$35.12
286	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
287			
288	MOMBILLE, OMAR	2019-400494	\$6.27
289	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
290			
291	MOMBILLE, OMAR	2019-400493	\$5.81
292	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
293			
294	POPP, STEVEN D JR & BRANDY RAE	2019-212311	\$43.77
295	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
296			
297	REYNOLDS, CHARLES RUSSELL	2019-209049	\$941.53
298	NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY		
299			
300	RHODES, CECIL WILLIAM	2019-401117	\$553.53
301	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
302			
303	RODRIGUEZ-VALASQUEZ, JOSE	2019-400368	\$778.09
304	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
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307	ROHR, MARTIN	2019-212748	\$1,945.55
308	NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY		
309			
310	SISSON, MELISSA LUTZ	2019-211079	\$18.94
311	NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY		
312			
313	SMITH, KAREN J	2019-202436	\$72.92

314	PROPERTY VALUE CORRECTION		
315			
316	SOUTHERN PRECISION LAND MGT LLC	2020-400027	\$2,390.52
317	INCORRECT SITUS/REBILL		
318			
319	STRICKLAND, ZACHARY NELSON	2019-90047	\$11.06
320	NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY		
321			
322	THE MILITARY CLUB INC	2019-401263	\$123.02
323	DID NOT OWN JANUARY 1		
324			
325	VARANO-ALLISON, ANN M	2019-208387	\$175.88
326	NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY		
327			
328	VARGAS, DANIEL AGUSTIN	2017-59832	\$169.18
329	NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY		
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331	VARGAS, DANIEL AGUSTIN	2018-59890	\$146.58
332	NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY		
333			
334	VARGAS, DANIEL AGUSTIN	2019-208089	\$145.51
335	NOT TAXABLE TO CRAVEN COUNTY		
336			
337	YORK, LEE FRANKLIN & KATHY	2019-203871	\$62.10
338	RECYCLE FEE CORRECTION		
339			
340		74 CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$17,246.63
341			
342	<i>Refunds</i>		
343			
344	HAMM, DILLON C	2018-24453	\$64.85
345	INCORRECT SITUS/REBILL		
346			
347	HAMM, DILLON C	2017-24671	\$66.50
348	INCORRECT SITUS/REBILL		
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350	HAMM, DILLON C	2016-24264	\$54.45
351	INCORRECT SITUS/REBILL		
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353		3 – REFUND MEMO (S)	\$185.80
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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Whereas, children are vital to our state’s future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

Whereas, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

Whereas, in 2019, the impact of child abuse and neglect is apparent in our local community, and an estimated 654 children in Craven County, were affected; and

Whereas, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and to nurture their children will ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

437 conversion. For these reasons, Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, proposed that the Board
438 consider postponing the revaluation two additional years to become effective January 1, 2023.
439 This would allow staff some time to become proficient with the new software to ensure a
440 successful result. It would also allow time for gathering market data from sales that will have
441 occurred after hurricane damage has been repaired or replaced. The last published
442 sales/assessment ratio study for Craven County shows that assessed values are at 95.03% of sales
443 prices. The proposed postponement would schedule the subsequent revaluation for five years
444 later in 2028 and then returning to the four year schedule after that date.

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446 Commissioner Mitchell motioned to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Sampson
447 and in a roll call vote failed with four (4) “nays” from Commissioners Liner, McCabe, Mitchell
448 and Sampson, and three (3) “ayes” from Commissioners Mark, Bucher and Jones.

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450 Commissioner Liner expressed his understanding of the tax department issues, but stated he
451 would prefer to see this come back in 2022.

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453 Commissioner Mitchell motioned to revise the resolution to postpone the revaluation for one
454 year instead of two. Her motioned died for lack of a second.

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456 Chairman Mark stated he felt it was important that the Commissioners realized what the County
457 Tax Office has been through as a result of the hurricane. Commissioner Liner motioned to
458 revisit the topic in July 2021.

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460 Mr. Veit reported there are laws that dictate a schedule for when notices go out, and the County
461 is mandated to follow it. He further explained the process of the various steps involved from
462 the Tax Department presenting information to the Board for approval to the notices being sent
463 out to the public. He remarked that a decision needed to be made today to allow the process to
464 flow forward.

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466 Commissioner Mitchell motioned to postpone the 2021 reappraisal by one year to January 1,
467 2022. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Liner. The resolution passed with four (4)
468 “ayes” from Commissioners Liner, McCabe, Mitchell, and Sampson, there being three (3) “nays”
469 from Commissioners Mark, Bucher and Jones.

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471 Commissioner Jones expressed concerns about software issues. Mr. Veit responded he would
472 meet with Ronnie Antry to determine the best method moving forward.

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RESOLUTION

475 THAT WHEREAS, North Carolina counties must reappraise all real property within their
476 jurisdictions at least once every eight (8) years, pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina
477 General Statute § 105-286(a)(1); and,

478 WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 105-286(a)(3), North Carolina
479 counties may conduct a reappraisal of real property at more frequent intervals than required by
480 North Carolina General Statute § 105-286(a)(1) upon the adoption of a resolution by the Board
481 of County Commissioners providing for the advancement of the reappraisal; and,

482 WHEREAS, in 2011, the Craven County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution
483 advancing the reappraisal schedule from an eight-year schedule; such resolution provided for a
484 reappraisal in 2016, or six (6) years after the 2010 reappraisal, and provided for another
485 reappraisal in 2020, four (4) years after the 2016 reappraisal; and,

486 WHEREAS, on April 1, 2019, the Craven County Board of Commissioners adopted a
487 resolution postponing the 2020 reappraisal on account of significant damage caused to the area
488 by Hurricane Florence; and,

489 WHEREAS, the effects of Hurricane Florence are continuing to cause significant
490 administrative burdens on Craven County staff and are continuing to cause hardships on citizens
491 of Craven County impacted by Hurricane Florence; and,

492 WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, the implementation of a new software platform
 493 for the Craven County Tax Office has also posed administrative difficulties for tax department
 494 staff; and,

495 WHEREAS, the burdens on Craven County staff and other considerations make it
 496 desirous that the 2021 reappraisal be postponed by one year to 2022; and,

497 WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 105-286(a)(3) authorizes the Craven
 498 Board of Commissioners to adopt a resolution amending the current reappraisal schedule.

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

501 1. That the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the postponement of the
 502 2021 reappraisal by one year to January 1, 2022, in accordance with the provisions of North
 503 Carolina General Statute §105-286(a)(3).

504 2. That the next reappraisal after the January 1, 2022 reappraisal will occur on
 505 January 1, 2028.

506 3. That after the 2028 reappraisal, the County will resume its schedule of
 507 reappraising real property every four years, with the next reappraisal occurring in 2032 and every
 508 four years thereafter.

509 4. That the County Manager, Clerk, Tax Administrator, and County Attorney are
 510 authorized to take all actions necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution, including
 511 the forwarding of this Resolution to the Local Government Division of the North Carolina
 512 Department of Revenue.

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514 ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

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516 **DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: PLANNING – SUBDIVISIONS FOR APPROVAL**

517

518 Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, presented the following subdivision for the Board's
 519 approval. The Planning Board met on February 27, 2020 and recommended the following
 520 subdivision for approval.

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522 *Lynwood Highlands Phase Seven – Final:* The property, owned by Bill Clark Homes of
 523 Greenville, LLC., and engineered by Thomas Engineering, P.A., is located within Twp. 7 off of
 524 Palisades Way; Parcel ID 7-206-007 and 7-206-6-00D. The subdivision contains 25 lots on 7.87
 525 acres and is proposed to be served by Craven County water and City of New Bern sewer.

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527 Commissioner Bucher motioned to approve the subdivision, as recommended, seconded by
 528 Commissioner Mitchell and approved unanimously.

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530 Mr. Baumgardner presented the following subdivision for the Board's approval. The Planning
 531 Board met on February 27, 2020 and recommended the following subdivision for approval.

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533 *Forest Oaks Subdivision Section One-B – Final:* The property, owned by Hil-Del Homesites,
 534 LLC., surveyed by Herbert J. Nobles, Jr. and engineered by Thomas Engineering, P.A., is
 535 located within Twp. 1 off of US Hwy. 17 N; Parcel ID 1-029-020. The subdivision contains 47
 536 lots on 27.67 acres and is proposed to be served by Craven County water and individual septic
 537 systems.

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539 Commissioner McCabe motioned to approve the subdivision, as recommended, seconded by
 540 Commissioner Sampson and approved unanimously

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542 **DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: SOIL & WATER – EMERGENCY WATERSHED**
 543 **PROTECTION PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENT AND ORDINANCE UPDATE**
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545 Natural Resources Conservationist II, Patrick Baker, reported that Craven County has been
 546 notified by the US Department of Agriculture and the NC Natural Resources Conservation
 547 Service that funds are available for the County to begin work on the Hurricane Florence
 548 Emergency Watershed Protection Program. Craven County has already performed one EWP site
 549 improvement at the Mills site in Stately Pines Subdivision. The amount received for this program
 550 is \$4,003,609.00. These funds will be used to perform recovery measures at 8 different areas,
 551 which includes 42 individual property sites along the Neuse River. He stated that if these
 552 improvements are left undone then future damages may occur to life and/or property.
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554 Commissioner Mitchell motioned to approve the following budget amendment and ordinance
 555 update, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Bucher and approved 7-0 in a roll call vote.
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557 **Planning – Project #20002**
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559 REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
560			
561 2454910-33117-20002	\$2,956,088.00	2454910-47000-20002	\$ 481,859.00
562 USDA		Administration	
563 2454910-33319-20002	\$1,047,521.00	2454910-47003-20002	\$3,521,750.00
564 NCDA		Construction	
565			
566 TOTAL	\$4,003,609.00	TOTAL	\$4,003,609.00
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568 **Justification:** US Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Conservation Service has
 569 awarded Craven County a grant to provide technical and financial assistance for EWP Even
 570 #5038 (Hurricane Florence). Funds will be used to implement recovery measures for 8 different
 571 properties, that if left undone, pose a risk to life and/or property.
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573 **Emergency Watershed Protection Grant Program**
 574 **EWP Event #5038 Hurricane Florence**
 575 **Fund 245**
 576 **Project #20002**
 577

578 This ordinance is hereby approved in the following amount of expenditure of the Emergency
 579 Watershed Protection Grant Program EWP Event #5038 Hurricane Florence.
 580

581 Expenditures:

582			
583 Administration		\$	481,859.00
584 Construction		\$	3,521,750.00
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586 TOTAL		\$	4,003,609.00
587			

588 This ordinance is hereby approved in the following amount for expenditure of the Emergency
 589 Watershed Protection Grant Program EWP Event #5038 Hurricane Florence.
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591 Revenues:

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593 U.S. Department of Agriculture		\$	2,956,088.00
594 N.C. Department of Agriculture		\$	1,047,521.00
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596 TOTAL		\$	4,003,609.00
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598 This ordinance is hereby approved this 16th day of March, 2020.
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600 **APPOINTMENTS**

601 *Pending Appointments*
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604 Chairman Mark reviewed the following pending appointments:

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- 606 • Adult Care Home Advisory Committee
- 607 • Nursing Home Advisory Committee
- 608 • Senior Legislative Tarheel Alternate
- 609 • Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
- 610 • Recreation Advisory Committee
- 611 • Craven Community Child Protection Team
- 612 • Craven County Clean Sweep Committee

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614 *Current Appointments*

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616 *Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council*

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618 Commissioner Mitchell nominated Bill Smith for reappointment to the Emergency Medical
619 Services Advisory Council. There being no additional nominations, Mr. Smith was reappointed
620 by acclamation.

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622 *Nursing Home Advisory Committee*

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624 Chairman Mark nominated Glenn Terrill for appointment to the Nursing Home Advisory
625 Committee. There being no additional nominations, Mr. Terrill was appointed by acclamation.

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627 *Upcoming Appointments*

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629 Chairman Mark reviewed the following upcoming appointments:

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- 631 • Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council
- 632 • Nursing Home Advisory Committee
- 633 • Craven Aging Planning Board

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635 **COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – FINAL OFFER TO PURCHASE REAL**
636 **PROPERTY – 2203 CHESTNUT AVE., NEW BERN (PARCEL # 8-037-001)**

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638 County Attorney, Arey Grady, presented an offer previously received and tentatively approved
639 by Craven County and the City of New Bern in the amount of \$375.00 for this property, which
640 was acquired through a tax foreclosure. The total taxes and costs that were foreclosed were
641 \$4,179.83. The current tax value is \$750.00. The offer was advertised, and there was an upset
642 bid in the amount of \$450.00. This offer was advertised and there were no upset bids, the final
643 bid being \$450.00.

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645 Commissioner Liner moved to adopt the resolution accepting the final sale, seconded by
646 Commissioner McCabe and approved unanimously

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657 **RESOLUTION**
658 **2203 Chestnut Avenue, New Bern, North Carolina**
659 **Tax Parcel Number 8-037-001**

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662 THAT WHEREAS, Craven County has received an offer to purchase a parcel of property
663 owned by the County, identified as Tax Parcel Number 8-037-001, and being more particularly
described herein; and

664 WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sell the County's interest in the
665 property pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §160A-269; and

666 WHEREAS, the offer to purchase was advertised as required by said statute; and

667 WHEREAS, the final offer to purchase, after the upset bid period, was for the sum of
668 \$450.00 by Johnny Laughinghouse; and

669 WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners deems it advisable and in the best interest of
670 the County to sell its interest in the subject property to the successful bidder and to convey its
671 interest in said property by quitclaim deed.

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

674 Section 1. That the last and highest bid of Johnny Laughinghouse in the sum of
675 \$450.00 for said parcel identified as Tax Parcel Number 8-037-001, and being more particularly
676 described herein, be and the same is hereby accepted as to the County's interest in said property,
677 and the Chairman, County Manager and/or Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed
678 to execute a quitclaim deed to the purchaser for the County's interest in said property, and to
679 further execute any and all other documents related to the sale of the same.

680 Section 2. That a copy of said quitclaim deed is attached hereto and incorporated
681 herein by reference, and the original deed shall be delivered to said purchaser once the same has
682 been executed on behalf of the County, upon payment of the purchase price.

683 Section 3. That the subject property is more particularly described as follows:

684 All that certain lot or parcel of land lying and being situate in Number Eight (8)
685 Township, Craven County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as
686 follows:

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688 All of that certain property more fully described in Deed Book 3569, Page 529 in the
689 Craven County Registry. This property is also commonly referred to by its tax parcel
690 identification number which is 8-037-001.

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692 ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

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694 COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

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696 County Manager Jack Veit introduced the new IT Director, Steve Bennett, stating he is a
697 Pamlico County native; with previous experience with the City of New Bern. Most recently he
698 served as IT Director for Burke County.

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700 COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

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702 *Commissioner Bucher* reported on attending the Hunters Ridge HOA meeting and how
703 encouraging it was to receive an update from the US 70 James City Project Manager, who
704 mentioned removing several traffic lights and replacing them with traffic circles.

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706 *Commissioner Mitchell* reported on attending the Board of Education meeting at New Bern High
707 School on March 5th where they presented their school facility evaluation to the public and
708 received feedback.

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710 *Commissioner Liner* had nothing to report.

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712 *Commissioner McCabe* had nothing to report.

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714 *Commissioner Sampson* reported on attending a play at J.T. Barber recently and the difficulty
715 they were having with their sound system.

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717 *Commissioner Jones* stressed to the citizens that they should seek accurate information on
718 COVID-19 from the County website and to call the NC Coronavirus hotline at 1-866-462-3821.

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720 *Chairman Mark* reported on the Dix Crisis Center meeting he and Mr. Veit recently attended and
721 thanked the public for their cooperation during this difficult time. He encouraged everyone to
722 follow the guidelines provided by the federal, state, and local governments.

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CLOSED SESSION

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726 At 9:52 a.m. Commissioner Jones motioned to go into closed session, seconded by
727 Commissioner Liner and unanimously carried.

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729 At 10:18 a.m. Commissioner Liner motioned to return to opens session, seconded by
730 Commissioner Mitchell and approved unanimously.

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732 At 10:19 a.m. Commissioner Mitchell motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Jones
733 and unanimously approved.