

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, MAY 2, 2022. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Jason R. Jones
Vice Chairman Denny Bucher
Commissioner George S. Liner
Commissioner Theron L. McCabe
Commissioner E. T. Mitchell
Commissioner Beatrice R. Smith

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Commissioner Thomas F. Mark

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
Lauren Wargo, Assistant to the County Manager
Nan Holton, Clerk to the Board

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

Lord, we honor You today in prayer and thanksgiving. We pray for our County Commissioners and all who represent Craven County. Grant them peace that passes all understanding and amazing grace to sustain them when days are long, and rest is short.

Father, You are our refuge and fortress. You provide everything we need for life and godliness. You hear our ardent intercession, and smile when we raise our voices in praise and worship. We thank You for Your presence, love and grace.

It is in Your mighty Name we pray. Amen.

Based upon the invocation given by Reverend Dr. Alan Keiran, at the January 27, 2012 session of the US House of Representatives

Commissioner Liner motioned to approve the agenda, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, and approved unanimously.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS – AGENDA TOPICS

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

PUBLIC HEARING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PROJECT BLUE FIN

Economic Development Director, Jeff Wood, stated this Public Hearing is for Project Blue Fin to receive public input about Craven County awarding an economic development grant in the amount of \$600,000 to White River Marine Group, LLC for the acquisition and expansion of its manufacturing facility.

At 7:03 pm, Commissioner Mitchell motioned to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and approved unanimously.

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

At 7:04 pm, Commissioner Liner motioned to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, and approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Mitchell motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, inclusive of the Minutes of April 18, 2022, Regular Session, Tax Releases (*Credits = \$2,372.08*), Garage Budget Amendment and CARES Act Budget Amendment. Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion, which carried in a 6-0 roll call vote.

Garage

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
1014230-38214 Transfer-CCCMG Fees/Operations	\$5,000.00	1014230-43240 Other Supplies	\$5,000.00
TOTAL	\$5,000.00	TOTAL	\$5,000.00

Justification: Cover the cost of transferring funds into the Garage Other Supplies line for the remainder of the fiscal year. There have been numerous unanticipated repairs recently involving high-cost components related to air conditioning parts in County vehicles. While vehicle repairs are expected, having many expensive repairs over the span of a fiscal year causes the expenditure line (Other Supplies line) to fall short towards the end of the year.

CARTS

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
1014513-33114 Urbanized Formula Funds	\$750.00	1014512-42603 Maint/Repair-Vehicle	\$750.00
TOTAL	\$750.00	TOTAL	\$750.00

Justification: Funds are needed to cover the cost of vehicle washing and cleaning one more time this fiscal year. Due to COVID, the cost to have the vehicles washed and cleaned has increased.

CRAVEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUDGET PRESENTATION

Craven Community College President, Dr. Raymond Staats, made his annual presentation to the Board, along with CCC’s FY22-23 County Budget Proposal. Topics included were:

- FY22 Year in Review
- Notable Infrastructure Projects
- Emergence from Covid 19
- College Enrollment Trends
- Five Year Facilities Plan FY23-FY27
- Forthcoming Initiatives

Dr. Staats highlighted the FY23 Budget Request Operating allocations and Capital allocations for a total request from the County of \$4,804,125, which is a 4.4% increase.

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET PRESENTATION

Craven County School Superintendent, Dr. Wendy Miller, and Finance Officer, Denise Altman, made the Craven County School’s annual report to the Board and presented the FY22-23 County Budget Proposal.

Dr. Miller provided updates on the following topics:

- Vision and Mission
- Performance
- Partnerships
- Awards
- Grants
- District and Schools recognitions
- Challenges faced
- Stewardship of funding

Mrs. Altman presented information on the following:

- General budget considerations for FY22-23
- Revenue adjustments
- Fund balance appropriations
- Expenditure adjustments for FY23
- Capital outlay budget items

Mrs. Altman reported that Craven County Schools are requesting \$300,000 in additional Appropriations from the County to support local salary and benefit increase for FY 2023 and an additional \$44,453 in Capital Outlay appropriations. Dr. Miller's total request from County Appropriations in Local Current Expenses for FY 22-23 is \$22,264,991 and for Capital Outlay County Appropriations is \$2,002,453. Craven County Schools is allocating \$2,032,864 from their Fund Balance to help offset the necessary increases in the FY22-23 budget.

Commissioners requested clarification on the acronyms used for various programs, and had inquiries about another SRO at ASPIRE, and broadband needs.

At 7:47 pm a recess was taken.

At 7:56 pm the Board reconvened.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: PLANNING – SUBDIVISION FOR APPROVAL

Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, reported the Planning Board met on March 24, 2022, and recommended the following subdivision for the Board's approval.

Bay Colony Holdings, LLC – Final: The property, owned by Bay Colony Holdings, LLC and surveyed by Stroud Engineering, P.A., is located within Twp. 5 on Temples Point Road; Parcel ID 5-011-1006 & 5-011-17001. The subdivision contains 3 lots of 13.352 acres and will be served by Craven County water and proposed individual septic systems.

Mr. Baumgardner addressed several questions regarding the road requirements, subdivision ordinances addressing setbacks from water frontage, and expansion into more lots later.

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

CHAIRMAN'S PRIVILEGE

Chairman Jones recognized State Treasurer, Dale Folwell, who had joined the meeting and asked him to speak. Mr. Folwell remarked on the health of North Carolina's pension plan, state debt, and NC being #2 in competition ratings which affects the business environment. Mr. Folwell reported on Unclaimed Property Funds which can be identified by checking the website nccash.com for money owed to individuals/businesses. State Treasurer Folwell indicated there is a tremendous amount of stress on some of the areas in the extremities of the state and highlighted the recent need to de-charter a municipality for lack of audits and issues within another municipality due to embezzlement.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: FACILITIES – APPROVAL OF CARTS BUILDING PROJECT AND RELATED PROJECT ORDINANCE AND BUDGET AMENDMENT

Assistant County Manager, Gene Hodges, reported that during the deliberations of the FY2021-2022 Craven County Budget, the Board of County Commissioners directed staff to explore the construction of a new building and parking facility to relocate the CARTS offices and vehicles. Staff began working with the design team at Oakley Collier Architects (OCA), and a preliminary design and project estimate was presented to the Board of Commissioners at the October 2021 work session. The Board directed staff to proceed with the bidding process.

He stated a request for proposals was issued on March 9, 2022, a pre-bid meeting was held on March 23, 2022, and bids were due and publicly opened on April 7, 2022. Five firms submitted bids and the bids ranged from \$1,342,000 to \$1,675,000, with the low bidder being Waters Contracting Company. He indicated that Craven County has experience with Waters Contracting and the principal owner, Malcolm Waters was the primary contact related to the construction of the Adult Primary Clinic at the Health Department in New Bern and the inclusive playground located at Creekside Park. Additionally, they have functioned as a subcontractor with Barnhill Contracting on the Courthouse Rebuild project and have also done numerous small construction projects for the Maintenance Department. Currently, Waters Contracting is the contractor that is building the 340 B Pharmacy inside the Health Department.

Mr. Hodges indicated that a Project Ordinance and Budget Amendment have been prepared in the amount of \$1,870,000, and includes the following costs:

- \$1,342,000 (Construction)
- \$165,551 (Design and Engineering)
- \$123,265 (Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment)
- \$101,000 (Other than General Construction)
- \$138,184 (Contingency)

Staff recommended that the Board approve the Project Ordinance and Budget Amendment and authorize staff to contract with Waters Contracting for construction of a CARTS Administration and parking facility next to the Judicial Center on Clarks Road.

Commissioner Liner motioned to approve the Project Ordinance and related Budget Amendment in the amount of \$1,870,00; award the bid to Waters Contracting and authorize staff to execute all necessary contracts and agreements related to this project. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion, which carried 6-0 in a roll call vote.

**CARTS BUILDING
Fund 416**

This ordinance is hereby approved in the following amount for expenditure of the CARTS Building.

Expenditures:

Architectural/Engineering Design Services	\$ 165,551.00
Construction – General	\$1,342,000.00
Construction – Other	\$ 101,000.00
Capital Outlay – Over \$5,000	\$ 123,265.00
Contingency	\$ 138,184.00
TOTAL	\$1,870,000.00

The following revenues are hereby estimated for the Carts Building

Revenues:

Transfer from Capital Reserve	\$1,870,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,870,000.00

This ordinance is hereby approved this 2nd day of May, 2022.

Capital Project Fund

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
4164510-39802	\$1,870,000.00	4164510-47505	\$ 165,551.00
Transfer from Capital Reserve		Architect/Engineer	
		4164510-47601	\$1,342,000.00
		Construction-General	
		4164510-47603	\$ 101,000.00
		Construction-Other	
		4164510-47301	\$ 123,265.00
		Capital Outlay-Over \$5,000	
		4164510-47659	\$ 138,184.00
		Construction-Contingency	
4000000-39901	\$1,870,000.00	4004150-49793	\$1,870,000.00
Fund Balance Current Year		Transfer to Projects	
TOTAL	\$3,740,000.00	TOTAL	\$3,740,000.00

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PROJECT BLUE FIN GRANT AGREEMENT

Economic Development Director, Jeff Wood, reported that Project Blue Fin is a local manufacturer, White River Marine, who announced plans to invest \$34 million dollars in real estate, machining & equipment in its existing facility and create and maintain over 500 jobs in five years. To assist in this investment, the Craven County Board of Commissioners will provide a jobs performance grant of \$600,000 over five years, which coincides with grants offered by the state of North Carolina announced by the Governor on May 20, 2021.

Mr. Wood went on to report that he had visited White River Marine last week and gathered the following statistics:

- Since White River Marine took over operations a year ago, they have increased from 188 employees to 350
- They ship out approximately 5-10 Mako and Ranger brands per day
- They have sold 5 Hatteras Yachts since relaunching the brand last fall
- Their investment in facility upgrades is at \$2,000,000

Mr. Wood indicated because the contract is still in draft form, he was seeking a motion to grant authorization for Craven County staff to enter into a Grant Agreement with Project Blue Fin.

Commissioner Mitchell motioned to approve authorization for Craven County to enter into a Grant Agreement with Project Fin, seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved 6-0 in a roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS

Pending

Chairman Jones reviewed the following pending appointments:

- Community Child Protection Team
- Craven County Board of Adjustments
- Craven County Clean Sweep
- Board of Equalization and Review

*Current**Craven Aging Planning Board*

Commissioner Liner nominated Jeanne Butcher for appointment. Commissioner Mitchell nominated Rob Paine for appointment. There being no additional nominations, Ms. Butcher and Mr. Paine were appointed by acclamation.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Commissioner Mitchell nominated Catherine Hansen for appointment. There being no additional nominations, Ms. Hansen was appointed by acclamation. She is taking Tracy Shopes' seat, who recently changed jobs.

Upcoming

Chairman Jones reviewed upcoming appointments to boards and committees due to expire in May and June 2022.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Initial Offer to Purchase Real Property – Street Address/NA (Parcel No. 5-009-031)

County Attorney, Arey Grady, reported that Craven County has received an offer in the amount of \$1,200.00 for this real property, which was acquired through a tax foreclosure, with past due taxes and costs of foreclosure totaling \$3,067.01. The tax value of this property is \$2,250.00.

He stated 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 Mitchell motioned to adopt the following resolution approving the transaction and authorizing the upset bid process, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and unanimously approved.

CRAVEN COUNTY RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OFFER TO PURCHASE SUBJECT TO UPSET BIDS

WHEREAS, Craven County owns certain real property identified as Tax Parcel Number 5-009-031 (hereinafter "the Real Property"), the Real Property having been acquired by Craven County in deed recorded in Book 3541, Page 687 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Craven County; and,

WHEREAS, Craven County has received an Offer to Purchase the Real Property, a copy of said offer being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; 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 2nd DAY OF MAY 2022.

*Approval of Conveyance After Expiration of Upset Bid Period – 1106 Broad Street
(Parcel No. 8-012-A-325)*

Mr. Grady reported that Craven County previously received and approved an offer to purchase this real property, in the amount of \$5,400.00, subject to the completion of the upset bid process. The offer was advertised, and there were no upset bids, the final bid being \$5,400.00. The upset bid period has now expired, and the County Attorney recommended approval of the conveyance at the purchase price of \$5,400.00. The County and the City of New Bern originally acquired this property 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 granted final approval of this offer.

Mr. Grady stated should the Board of Commissioners authorize this transaction, a resolution, should be adopted, which in turn will authorize the execution and delivery of the necessary documents.

Commissioner Liner motioned to adopt the following resolution approving conveyance after expiration of the upset bid period, seconded by Commissioner Smith and unanimously approved.

**CRAVEN COUNTY
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE
AFTER EXPIRATION OF UPSET BID PERIOD**

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 previously received and approved an Offer to Purchase the Real Property, and subsequently advertised said offer for upset bids as required by North Carolina General Statute §160A-269; and,

WHEREAS, the upset bid period required under North Carolina General Statute §160A-269 has expired; and,

WHEREAS, the Craven County Board of Commissioners deems it advisable and in the best interest of the County to sell its interest in the Real Property to the successful bidder and to convey its interest in said property by quitclaim deed.

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

Section 1. The last and highest bid of Kurtis Stewart in the sum of \$5,400.00 for the Real Property is hereby accepted, and the Offer to Purchase previously executed by Craven County subject to the provisions of North Carolina General Statute §160A-269 is hereby ratified and confirmed in its entirety.

Section 2. Upon payment of the full purchase price, the Chairman, 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, including but not limited to the execution and delivery of the quitclaim deed attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF MAY 2022.

*Approval of Conveyance After Expiration of Upset Bid Period – 2602 New Bern Avenue
(Parcel No. 8-037-066-B)*

Mr. Grady reported that Craven County previously received and approved an offer to purchase this real property, in the amount of \$2,500.00, subject to the completion of the upset bid process. The offer was advertised, and there were no upset bids, the final bid being \$2,500.00. The upset bid period has now expired, and the County Attorney recommended approval of the conveyance at the purchase price of \$2,500.00. The County and the City of New Bern originally acquired this property through a tax foreclosure, with past due taxes and costs of foreclosure totaling \$4,085.58. The tax value of this property is \$5,000.00.

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

Mr. Grady stated should the Board of Commissioners authorize this transaction, a resolution, should be adopted, which in turn will authorize the execution and delivery of the necessary documents.

Commissioner Mitchell motioned to adopt the following resolution approving conveyance after expiration of the upset bid period, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously approved.

**CRAVEN COUNTY
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE
AFTER EXPIRATION OF UPSET BID PERIOD**

WHEREAS, Craven County and the City of New Bern own certain real property identified as Tax Parcel Number 8-037-066-B (hereinafter “the Real Property”), the Real Property having been acquired by Craven County in deed recorded in Book 3520, Page 1904 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Craven County; and,

WHEREAS, Craven County and the City of New Bern previously received and approved an Offer to Purchase the Real Property, and subsequently advertised said offer for upset bids as required by North Carolina General Statute §160A-269; and,

WHEREAS, the upset bid period required under North Carolina General Statute §160A-269 has expired; and,

WHEREAS, the Craven County Board of Commissioners deems it advisable and in the best interest of the County to sell its interest in the Real Property to the successful bidder and to convey its interest in said property by quitclaim deed.

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

Section 1. The last and highest bid of Antonio Chapman in the sum of \$2,500.00 for the Real Property is hereby accepted, and the Offer to Purchase previously executed by Craven County subject to the provisions of North Carolina General Statute §160A-269 is hereby ratified and confirmed in its entirety.

Section 2. Upon payment of the full purchase price, the Chairman, 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, including but not limited to the execution and delivery of the quitclaim deed attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF MAY 2022.

*Approval of Conveyance After Expiration of Upset Bid Period – 506 Darst Avenue
(Parcel No. 8-008-072)*

Mr. Grady reported that Craven County previously received and approved an offer to purchase this real property, in the amount of \$2,000.00, subject to the completion of the upset bid process. The offer was advertised, and there were no upset bids, the final bid being \$2,000.00. The upset bid period has now expired, and the County Attorney recommended approval of the conveyance at the purchase price of \$2,000.00. The County and the City of New Bern originally acquired this property through a tax foreclosure, with past due taxes and costs of foreclosure totaling \$3,727.43. The tax value of this property is \$4,000.00.

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

Mr. Grady stated should the Board of Commissioners authorize this transaction, a resolution should be adopted, which in turn will authorize the execution and delivery of the necessary documents.

Commissioner Liner motioned to adopt the following resolution approving conveyance after expiration of the upset bid period, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and unanimously approved.

**CRAVEN COUNTY
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE
AFTER EXPIRATION OF UPSET BID PERIOD**

WHEREAS, Craven County and the City of New Bern own certain real property identified as Tax Parcel Number 8-008-072 (hereinafter “the Real Property”), the Real Property having been acquired by Craven County in deed recorded in Book 3528, Page 1868 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Craven County; and,

WHEREAS, Craven County and the City of New Bern previously received and approved an Offer to Purchase the Real Property, and subsequently advertised said offer for upset bids as required by North Carolina General Statute §160A-269; and,

WHEREAS, the upset bid period required under North Carolina General Statute §160A-269 has expired; and,

WHEREAS, the Craven County Board of Commissioners deems it advisable and in the best interest of the County to sell its interest in the Real Property to the successful bidder and to convey its interest in said property by quitclaim deed.

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

Section 1. The last and highest bid of Mary J. Peterkin in the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Real Property is hereby accepted, and the Offer to Purchase previously executed by Craven County subject to the provisions of North Carolina General Statute §160A-269 is hereby ratified and confirmed in its entirety.

Section 2. Upon payment of the full purchase price, the Chairman, 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, including but not limited to the execution and delivery of the quitclaim deed attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF MAY 2022.

Initial Offer to Purchase Real Property – 2505 New Bern Avenue (Parcel No. 8-037-102)

Mr. Grady reported that County has received an offer in the amount of \$5,000.00 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 \$3,717.58. The tax value of this property is \$5,000.00.

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

Mr. Grady stated 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 Mitchell motioned to adopt the following resolution approving the transaction and authorizing the upset bid process, seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved unanimously.

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

WHEREAS, Craven County owns certain real property identified as Tax Parcel Number 8-037-102 (hereinafter “the Real Property”), the Real Property having been acquired by Craven County in deed recorded in Book 3511, Page 758 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Craven County; and,

WHEREAS, Craven County has received an Offer to Purchase the Real Property, a copy of said offer being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; 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 2nd DAY OF MAY 2022.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS – GENERAL TOPICS

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

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT

County Manager, Jack Veit, reminded the Board County Assembly Day will be held in Raleigh on June 14th. He indicated staff will schedule appointments with our legislators and lunch will be provided.

He announced on June 2nd a County Appreciation Lunch will be held at Convention Center from 11-2 and stated he would love to have the Commissioners participate.

He noted that the roadside litter program is back up and running with a Deputy involved and they had cleaned several areas in Craven County. Mr. Veit reported they have closed 15 cases of illegal dumping with another eight cases pending. Money that was funded through the landfill for clean-ups have not been utilized because the contractor has been unable to perform the work to date.

Commissioner Mitchell requested that staff investigate cost and effectiveness of posting “Do Not Litter” signs in the County.

Commissioner Smith inquired about so many things not being recyclable because of the process we use. Mr. Veit indicated the vendor controlled what can be collected.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Mitchell had nothing to report.

Commissioner Liner announced that Kevin Hynes recently lost his battle with cancer. He appreciated the letter this Board sent to him and stated Mr. Hynes is going to be missed. He reported on the Tech Bridge in Havelock being a good show, and commended Jeff Wood and his staff.

Commissioner Smith had nothing to report.

Commissioner McCabe reported he also attended Tech Bridge in Havelock. He announced Terry Sharp's mother passed away and reported on her service. He asked everyone to please keep her and family in thoughts and prayers.

Commissioner Bucher commented on a field trip last week around James City, where they drove all the streets looking at properties. When this was previously done in the fall they had identified 50 properties that were abandoned and in poor condition. Property owners were contacted by mail, and some responded. There was a larger response after a second letter was mailed. He stated that it's very promising to see improvements being made as some have been demolished and the lots graded. He is very encouraged and wants to keep the heat on.

Chairman Jones commented on County Assembly Day being the same day as the Partners in Education Annual Luncheon which will be held on June 14th at the Convention Center. He emphasized it is a big fund raiser to support our teachers and tickets are on sale through Darlene Brown at Central Office.

At 8:45 pm Commissioner Liner motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, and unanimously approved.

Chairman Jason R. Jones
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Nan Holton
Clerk to the Board