

**AGENDA
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

1. CRAVEN COUNTY SMART START PRESENTATION: Sandra Arasim, Region Two Infant Toddler Specialist
2. PUBLIC HEARING ON 160D ORDINANCE UPDATES: Arey Grady, County Attorney
3. PUBLIC HEARING ON CARTS FIXED ROUTE SERVICES
4. EXCISE TAX REFUND HEARING FOR RAMONA ROACH: Arey Grady, County Attorney
5. PETITIONS OF CITIZENS – AGENDA TOPICS
6. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Minutes of June 21, 2021 Regular Session
 - B. Tax Releases and Refunds
 - C. Recreation Budget Amendment – Cherry Point Spouse Club Grant

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

7. RECREATION – BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Billy Wilkes, Recreation & Parks Director
 - A. Creekside Waterfront Dock Project
 - B. Recreation Truck Purchase
8. FACILITIES – REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES: Gene Hodges, Assistant County Manager
9. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – REQUEST TO SET PUBLIC HEARING – PROJECT PITTSBURGH: Jeff Wood, Economic Development Director

10. FINANCE – BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Craig Warren, Finance Director
 - A. FY2021-2022 Appropriation for Vanceboro Rescue Squad
 - B. Hurricane Florence Disaster Assistance Funds
11. APPOINTMENTS
12. COUNTY ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Arey Grady, County Attorney
13. PETITIONS OF CITIZENS – GENERAL TOPICS
14. COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT: Jack Veit
15. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

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 TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2021. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Jason R. Jones
 Vice Chairman Denny Bucher
 Chairman 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
 Nan Holton, Clerk to the Board

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

As Independence Day is celebrated in our communities, we praise you and we bless you, Lord God, for the birth, life and continuing development of this great nation, The United States of America.

Whenever and wherever in the cause of human events courage and commitment cause a people to take a stand on self-evident truths we rejoice. Before you and in you, the Creator all are created equal.

Endowed by You, the Creator, with certain unalienable rights; we as a people accept as well certain responsibilities to protect and defend always for ourselves and for others life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

With a firm reliance as the protection of Your Divine Providence we renew our pledge today to serve this nation knowing full well that the power of this assembly is derived from the consent of the governed.

In You we place our solemn trust, now and forever.

Amen.

Based upon the invocation given by Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, the June 29, 2002 session of the US House of Representatives

Commissioner Jones indicated the need to remove the Smart Start presentation from the agenda. Commissioner Liner motioned to approve the agenda, as amended, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 160D ORDINANCE UPDATES

County Attorney, Arey Grady, stated the revisions on Chapter 160D are intended to “clarify, consolidate, and reorganize the land-use regulatory laws of the state” as required by the NC General Assembly. He reported they had been available for public review in the County Manager’s office and on the website.

At 7:03 pm Commissioner Liner motioned to go into a Public Hearing, as advertised, on Chapter 160D Ordinance updates, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and approved unanimously. There were no citizens that signed up to comment during the public hearing. At 7:04 pm Commissioner McCabe motioned to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Liner. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON FIXED ROUTE SERVICES

CARTS Director, Kelly Walker, stated the purpose of the public hearing was to receive comments on the proposed fixed route changes that were presented to the Board of Commissioners on May 17, 2021. She mentioned extensive advertising was done.

At 7:05 pm Commissioner Mitchell motioned to enter into a public hearing on CARTS fixed route services. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner McCabe and approved unanimously. There were no citizens that signed up to comment on the proposed fixed routes. At 7:06 pm Commissioner McCabe motioned to close the public hearing. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and approved unanimously.

EXCISE TAX REFUND HEARING

Mr. Grady informed the Board that Ms. Ramona Roach had filed and recorded a deed and due to a typographical error she paid too much in revenue stamps. He explained the process leading up to holding this hearing and stated Ms. Roach had submitted a letter requesting a refund of \$628.00.

At 7:08 pm Commissioner McCabe motioned to enter into the excise tax refund hearing. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and approved unanimously.

Ms. Roach remarked that they had paid \$34,900 for the property, but paid revenue taxes on \$340,900. She stated her understanding that mistakes happen but would like to be refunded the \$628.00.

At 7:09 pm Commissioner McCabe motioned to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved unanimously.

Commissioner Mitchell motioned to refund Ms. Ramona Roach \$628.00 for overage paid in revenue stamps for Parcel#1-054-090 and a portion of Parcel #1-054-087. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved 6-0 in a roll call vote.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS – AGENDA TOPICS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Jones requested the Minutes of June 21, 2021 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner McCabe motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended, inclusive of the Tax Releases and Refunds (*Credits = \$2,201.62; Refunds = \$60.00*) and Recreation Budget Amendment – Cherry Point Spouse Club Grant, seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved 6-0 in a roll call vote.

Recreation

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
1010000-39901 Current Year FB	\$2,000.00	1015910-47302 C/O Other Improvements	\$2,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,000.00	TOTAL	\$2,000.00

Justification: In the Spring of 2021, the Recreation Department applied for a Cherry Point Spouse Club Grant. On April 20, 2021 the department was notified that they received a \$2,000 grant towards a replacement swing set for Creekside Park. This new swing set will have a high back option for toddlers and for those with mobility needs. The grant, along with County funds allocated for the FY22, will be used to purchase the swing set later in the summer.

Chairman Jones informed the Board that in reviewing the Minutes from June 21, 2021, the tax rate listed in the budget ordinance for the West of New Bern Fire District contained a typo, incorrectly listing the tax rate as \$0.3750 per \$100 of valuation. The actual rate approved by the Commissioner’s during a budget work session was \$0.0375 per \$100 of valuation. He indicated this requires a correction to the June 21, 2021 Minutes and staff updating the appropriate page in the budget ordinance as well.

Commissioner Liner motioned to correct the June 21, 2021 Minutes to reflect the correct tax rate of \$0.0375 per \$100 of valuation for the West of New Bern Fire District and update the budget ordinance as well. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and approved in a 6-0 roll call vote.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: RECREATION – BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Creekside Waterfront Dock Project

Recreation and Parks Director, Billy Wilkes, reported in fiscal year 2021, the County received a North Carolina Water Access Grant in the amount of \$88,500 and Craven County provided a match in the amount of \$29,500. The Harold Bate Foundation provided an additional \$7,200 towards the project. All three amounts total \$125,200, which is the amount in the FY 2021 budget.

He commented that in initial discussions with the contractor they believed they could start and finish in fiscal year 2021. However, after filing for permits and alerting the neighbors about the project as required, it was determined that the start date would need to be pushed to a July - August time frame. Based on the grant guidelines the deadline is June 30, 2022 to complete this project. The timeline for the contractor once he begins is 6-8 weeks.

Mr. Wilkes requested approval of a budget amendment moving \$125,200 from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022.

Commissioner Mitchell motioned to approve the following budget amendment in the amount of \$125,000, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and approved 6-0 in a roll call vote. (*request was for \$125,200, but motion was for \$125,000*)

Recreation

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
1015910-33301 State Grant	\$88,300.00	1015910-47302 C/O Other Improvements	\$125,000.00
1010000-39901 Current Year Fund Balance	\$36,700.00		
TOTAL	\$125,000.00	TOTAL	\$125,000.00

Recreation Truck Purchase

Mr. Wilkes relayed that in FY 2021, the Recreation department was allocated the funds to purchase a new truck for department use. The amount of \$29,300 was budgeted. The truck was ordered in early 2021 and the projected date for delivery was April. He stated Ford Motor company had several delays in production and the new date for delivery is July 2021.

Mr. Wilkes requested approval of a budget amendment moving \$29,300 from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022.

Commissioner Liner motioned to approve the following budget amendment in the amount of \$29,300, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and approved 6-0 in a roll call vote.

Recreation

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
1010000-39901 Current Year Fund Balance	\$29,300.00	1015910-47301 C/O Over \$5,000	\$29,300.00
TOTAL	\$29,300.00	TOTAL	\$29,300.00

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: FACILITIES – REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

Assistant County Manager, Gene Hodges, reported that during the work sessions for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 County Budget, the Board of Commissioners directed staff to develop a project for Board consideration to build a County owned fueling station for County vehicles located on County owned property. The Board of Commissioners appropriated \$50,000 in the Facilities Department budget to engage with an engineering firm to begin this process.

To facilitate this project, Mr. Hodges requested approval of a resolution exempting this project from the formal request for qualifications (RFQ) process. He relayed that along with the exemption, the Board is requested to authorize staff to contract with the firm of Vaughan & Melton to provide engineering services for this project in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Commissioner Liner motioned to approve the following Resolution of Exemption for engineering services related to the development of a county owned fuel center and to authorize staff to contract with Vaughan & Melton to provide engineering services in the amount of \$50,000, seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved unanimously.

**CRAVEN COUNTY
RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO
N.C.Gen.Stat. §143-64.32**

WHEREAS, N.C.Gen.Stat. §143-64.31 requires the selection of firms to perform architectural, engineering, and surveying services by a County to be without regard to fee, after public announcement of such services; and,

WHEREAS, Craven County ("County") proposes to enter into an engineering service contract to evaluate, design, permit, and perform administration of construction of a fueling station for County vehicles to be located in close proximity of the Craven County Judicial Center located at 1100 Clarks Road, New Bern, NC.

WHEREAS, the amount of professional fees under the proposed Service Contract is estimated to be less than Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00); and,

WHEREAS, N.C.Gen.Stat. §143-64.32 allows a County to exempt itself from the requirements of N.C.Gen.Stat. §143-64.31, when the amount of professional fees is estimated to be less than Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00); and,

WHEREAS, the County finds that it is in its best interest to exempt the proposed Service Contract from the provisions of G.S. §143-64.31.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CRAVEN COUNTY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The above-described Service Contract is hereby made exempt from the provisions of G.S. §143-64.31 for the reasons stated in this resolution.

Section 2. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 6 day of July, 2021.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – REQUEST TO SET PUBLIC HEARING – PROJECT PITTSBURGH

Economic Development Director, Jeff Wood, announced Project Pittsburgh is a local manufacturer who plans to invest \$9 million dollars in machining & equipment in its existing facility and create over 30 jobs in five years. The owners have asked what assistance the local community can provide in this investment. A \$9 million investment will yield an estimated \$50,400 in taxes per year. He highlighted that due to the investment and job creation, the Economic Development Department recommended that Craven County assist in this investment by providing a \$25,000 grant to be utilized to assist Project Pittsburgh in the conversion of warehouse space in their facility to manufacturing space.

Mr. Wood stated that pursuant to NCGS 158-7.1, the Economic Development Department requested to set a public hearing on these matters at 8:30 a.m. or soon thereafter on Monday, July 19, 2021.

Commissioner Mitchell motioned to set Public Hearing for Project Pittsburg at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter, on Monday, July 19, 2021 in the Commissioners’ Boardroom. Commissioner McCabe seconded.

Commissioner Jones brought up the point that typically public hearings are not held during the morning meetings as it might be a hardship for people working. He inquired about allowing written comments for the hearing. Mr. Wood indicated it could be moved to the first meeting in August without creating any issues.

Commissioners Mitchell and McCabe amended their motion to set a Public Hearing for Project Pittsburgh at 7:00 pm, or as close thereafter as possible, on Monday, August 2, 2021 in the Commissioners Boardroom. The motion was approved unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: FINANCE – BUDGET AMENDMENTS

FY 2021-2022 Appropriation for Vanceboro Rescue Squad

Finance Director, Craig Warren, reported during staff’s review of the rescue squad’s annual appropriation letters for FY22, it was discovered that Vanceboro Rescue Squad’s appropriation was funded at \$325,000 instead of the \$350,000 approved by Commissioners at the May 19th, 2021 budget work session. In order to correct this omission, he requested approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$25,000 from fund balance.

Commissioner McCabe motioned to approve the following budget amendment in the amount of \$25,000, seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved 6-0 in a roll call vote.

Vanceboro Rescue Squad

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
1010000-39901	\$25,000.00	1014335-49635	\$25,000.00
Current Year Fund Balance		Vanceboro Rescue	
TOTAL	\$25,000.00	TOTAL	\$25,000.00

Hurricane Florence disaster Assistance Funds

Mr. Warren stated as part of the County's Disaster Assistance Grant Application filed for Hurricane Florence, the County opened its grant application to include any storm related expenses incurred by our Volunteer Fire Departments and Rescue Squads. Several of the county's Fire and Rescue districts participated by submitting invoices totaling \$73,799 for their assistance during the hurricane. He relayed that in March 2021, the County received notification from FEMA that \$491,365 in disaster assistance funds were awarded for the County's emergency response. In June 2021, the County received the Federal portion which is \$368,524 or 75% of the total awarded and are currently working to close the grant out with the State for the remaining 25%. Mr. Warren commented that in order to distribute these disaster assistance funds to Fire and Rescue partners, a budget amendment from fund balance in the amount \$73,799 is needed.

The Fire and Rescue Districts reimbursements are as follows:

- Harlowe Vol Fire Department \$21,138
- Cove City Fire and Rescue, Inc. \$16,029
- Tri-Community VFD \$18,984
- Township #7 Fire and Rescue \$6,587
- Township Seven EMS \$5,383
- Rhems Vol. Fire Department \$3,613
- Bridgeton EMS \$2,045

Commissioner Liner motioned to approve the following budget amendment in the amount of \$73,799, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved 6-0 in a roll call vote.

Non Departmental

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
1010000-39901 Current Year FB	\$73,779.00	1014290-49679 Hurricane Florence	\$73,779.00
TOTAL	\$73,779.00	TOTAL	\$73,779.00

APPOINTMENTS

Pending

Chairman Jones reviewed the following pending appointments:

- Adult Care Home Advisory Committee
- Community Child Protection Team
- Craven/Pamlico Regional Library
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (CarolinaEast)
- Nursing Home Advisory Committee
- Craven County Recreation Advisory Council (District 6)
- Regional Aging Advisory Board
- Voluntary Agriculture District Advisory Board (District 6)

Commissioner Liner reported he had received an application from Ben Schreckengost in District 6 and nominated him for appointment to fill that vacancy on the Craven County Recreation Advisory Council. Mr. Schreckengost was appointed by acclamation.

Current

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Commissioner Mitchell nominated Deborah Walker and Christopher Dee Devone for appointment to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. There being no additional nominations, Ms. Walker and Mr. Devone were appointed by acclamation.

Craven County Recreation Advisory Council

It was the consensus of the Board to defer this appointment.

Tourism Development Authority

County Manager, Jack Veit, indicated that he had conversed with Commissioner Mark and he supported the reappointment of Paresh Pankhavala. Commissioner Liner nominated Paresh Pankhavala for reappointment to the Tourism Development Authority in Commissioner Mark's absence. There being no additional nominations, Mr. Pankhavala was reappointed by acclamation.

NC Association of County Commissioners

Commissioner Mitchell nominated Commissioner McCabe to serve as voting delegate for the 114th Annual Conference in August. Chairman Jones indicated he would serve as an alternate if needed. Both were appointed by acclamation.

Upcoming

Chairman Jones reviewed upcoming terms due to expire in August.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Approval of Conveyance After Expiration of Upset Bid Period 2036 Caracara Dr., New Bern (Parcel Number 2-050-337)

County Attorney, Arey Grady, reported that Craven County previously received and approved an offer to purchase this real property, in the amount of \$4,000.00, subject to the completion of the upset bid process. The offer was advertised, and there were no upset bids, the final bid being \$4,000.00. The upset bid period has now expired, and Mr. Grady recommended approval of the conveyance at the purchase price of \$4,000.00. He stated the County originally acquired this property through a tax foreclosure, with past due taxes and costs of foreclosure totaling \$3,852.43. The tax value of this property is \$5,080.00.

Mr. Grady relayed that 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 the final sale, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and approved unanimously.

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

WHEREAS, Craven County owns certain real property identified as Tax Parcel Number 2-050-337 (hereinafter "the Real Property"), the Real Property having been acquired by Craven County in deed recorded in Book 2924 Page 586 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Craven County; and,

WHEREAS, Craven County previously received and approved an Offer to Purchase the Real Property, and Craven County 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 Inner Banks Living, LLC in the sum of \$4,000.00 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 6th DAY OF JULY, 2021.

Initial Offer to Purchase Real Property – 597 Hwy. 55W, New Bern (Parcel Number 8-218-068)

Mr. Grady reported Craven County has received an offer in the amount of \$3,375.00 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 \$4,581.10. The tax value of this property is \$6,750.00

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

He stated 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 Liner 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 and the City of New Bern own certain real property identified as Tax Parcel Number 8-218-068 (hereinafter “the Real Property”), the Real Property having been acquired by Craven County in deed recorded in Book 3514, Page 1773 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 6th DAY OF JULY, 2021.

Initial Offer to Purchase Real Property – 125 Hillmont Rd., New Bern (Parcel Number 8-219-007)

Attorney Grady relayed that Craven County has received an offer in the amount of \$7,500.00 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 \$6,349.65. The tax value of this property is \$15,000.00.

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

He stated 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 Limer 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 and the City of New Bern own certain real property identified as Tax Parcel Number 8-219-007 (hereinafter “the Real Property”), the Real Property having been acquired by Craven County in deed recorded in Book 3569, Page 533 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 6th DAY OF JULY, 2021.

Approval of Chapter 160D Updates to County’s Land Use Ordinance

Mr. Grady stated that as previously shared, the NC General Assembly enacted a new Chapter 160D to the NC General Statutes. He indicated he has been working closely with the Planning Department for the past 18 months to update and revise the County’s land use ordinances to comply with the new requirements. Mr. Grady informed the Board that the changes made were to bring them into compliance, to consolidate and recodify into one integrated Chapter within the Craven County Code of Ordinances, to provide for common administrative provisions, and to amend certain provisions to conform to modern land use procedures.

Commissioner Bucher commended him and the Planning staff for their dedication to detail in creating this document.

Commissioner Jones stated for the record that these updates are not intended to change the intent of the ordinance, just meeting the policy set in place by NCGS.

Commissioner Mitchell motioned to adopt the resolution, effective July 7, 2021 at 12:01 am, seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved unanimously.

NOTE: Full Chapter 160D Ordinance can be found as an Addendum in this Minute Book.

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, mentioned the new fiscal year has kicked off and there would be a series of projects for the Boards review at a fall work session.

Commissioner McCabe had nothing to report.

Commissioner Mitchell thanked all municipalities and citizens in celebrating the July 4th holiday.

Commissioner Liner announced the Havelock Chamber is putting on a Salute to Vets on August 10th. Tickets and tables are on sale through the Havelock Chamber.

Commissioner Smith provided information on an upcoming redistricting workshop to be held on Thursday, July 16th at 6:00 via Zoom. She stated the focus of the presentation will be regarding the state legislative districts and congressional districts and their impact on New Bern and the surrounding area.

Commissioner Bucher commented on the recent tour of the renovated Double Tree hotel, highlighting their high occupancy rates and the increased tourism in New Bern.

Chairman Jones spoke highly of Assistant County Manager Gene Hodges in recognition of his birthday and stated what an asset he is to Craven County.

At 7:46 pm Commissioner McCabe motioned to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Jones and approved unanimously.

Chairman Jason R. Jones
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Nan Holton
Clerk to the Board