

**AGENDA  
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RIVERFRONT CONVENTION CENTER  
REGULAR SESSION  
MONDAY APRIL 5, 2021  
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS
2. PUBLIC HEARING – ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
3. PETITIONS OF CITIZENS – AGENDA TOPICS
4. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. Minutes of March 15, 2021 Regular Session and Reconvened Session
  - B. Tax Releases and Refunds
  - C. Sheriff Donation Budget Amendment
5. DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS
6. DISCUSSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

**DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS**

7. SOCIAL SERVICES – SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES:  
Geoffrey Marett, Social Services Director
8. HEALTH – ADDITIONAL COVID FUNDING: Scott Harrelson, Health Director
9. PLANNING – CDBG-NR CONTRACT AWARD: Chip Bartlett, Insight Planning & Development, LLC
10. FINANCE – STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND – APPLICANT RESOLUTION:  
Craig Warren, Finance Director

11. APPOINTMENTS
12. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Arey Grady
13. PETITIONS OF CITIZENS – GENERAL TOPICS
14. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: Jack Veit
15. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
16. CLOSED SESSION

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE RIVERFRONT CONVENTION CENTER, 203 SOUTH FRONT STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA, ON MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**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:

*Most gracious and everlasting God, we thank You for this, another glorious day that You have allowed us to see, and we honor You for Your undying faithfulness towards us.*

*Lord, help us to continually hold up the light of Your love, and may we be always mindful of our collective duty to serve each other as we serve You.*

*Teach us Your ways and lead us in a plain path. Shine Your light upon the road that our Commissioners must travel. Give them grace and truth to guide their every decision. Unite them under the banner of Your love and allow them to speak with one clarion voice that which You would have them say.*

*Teach us all to lean on Your everlasting arms, and give us the grace to lead according to Your everlasting Word. Amen.*

*Based upon the invocation given by Bishop Alfred A. Owens, Jr., at the February 24, 2004 session of the US House of Representatives*

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PARTISAN**

At 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Mark motioned to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and approved unanimously.

Chairman Jones reviewed for the record that the notice for the Public Hearing allowed for emails to be submitted until noon, April 5, 2021. There were 80 emails received in support of the Resolution and 47 received in opposition. These will be entered into the Minutes as public records. (Addendum A at the back of the Minutes)

Mr. Jones stated to conduct the Public Hearing in an orderly fashion, Ms. Frances Boomer, Chairman of the School Board of Education would speak on their behalf first and would have

three minutes. He indicated a coin toss had been held before the meeting, between Bob Brinson with the Republic party and Nancy Allen with the Democratic party, with Ms. Allen winning the toss to go first. He stated they both will receive eight minutes.

Mr. Jones informed the group that each person who signed up to speak will be given three minutes and will alternate between those in support and those in opposition. While everyone who wants to speak will be given the opportunity, Mr. Jones indicated they could pass if they felt like they had nothing new to add to the issue, and their name would still be entered in support or opposition in the Minutes.

Nan Holton, Clerk to the Board, read the proposed Resolution in Support of Partisan Board of Education Elections.

The following presented to the Board:

1. Ms. Frances Boomer, Chair of Craven County Board of Education – opposed
2. Nancy Allen on behalf of the Democratic Party – opposed
3. Bob Brinson on behalf of the Republic Party – in favor
4. Alice Underhill – opposed
5. Rick Hopkins – in favor
6. Megan Millea – opposed
7. Alan Harrop – in favor
8. JoAnna Wishon – opposed
9. Hal James – in favor
10. Nelson McDaniel – opposed
11. Will Farmer – in favor
12. Susan Jackson Cook – opposed
13. Chadwick Howard – in favor
14. Nell Hudson – opposed
15. Glenn Fink – in favor
16. Niki Potter – opposed
17. Raynor James – in favor
18. Bailey Evans – opposed
19. Ralph Rhodes – in favor
20. Kerri Wheeler – opposed
21. David Monk – in favor
22. Charles Dudley – opposed
23. Scott Dacey – in favor
24. Dave Moazed – opposed
25. Sharon Bichaukas – in favor
26. Katherine Adolph – opposed
27. Carol More – in favor
28. Pamela Woods – opposed
29. Lori Grady Worley – in favor

At 8:41 p.m., a five-minute break was taken.

30. Helen Robinson – opposed
31. Katherine Rioux – in favor
32. Brenda George – opposed
33. Ann Bowman – in favor
34. Bernard George – opposed
35. Nancy Brinkley – in favor
36. Michael Schachter – opposed
37. Sarah Beneshiek – in favor
38. Victor Dove – opposed
39. Michael More – in favor (relinquished his time)

At 9:19 p.m., Commissioner McCabe motioned to close the Public Hearing. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Mark and it was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

At 9:19 p.m., Commissioner Liner motioned to open the Public Hearing on the Animal Control Ordinance Amendment. Commissioner Mitchell seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Clerk Nan Holton read the proposed Amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance.

There were no citizens signed up to speak.

At 9:21 p.m., Commissioner Mark motioned to close the Public Hearing. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and approved unanimously.

**PETITIONS OF CITIZENS – AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizens that signed up to speak on agenda topics.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Liner motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, inclusive of the Minutes of March 15, 2021 Regular Session and Reconvened Session, Tax Releases and Refunds (*Credits = \$8,779.59; Refunds = \$1,712.14*), and Sheriff Donation Budget Amendment. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion which carried 7-0 in a roll call vote.

*Sheriff’s Office*

| <b>REVENUES</b>                  | <b>AMOUNT</b>   | <b>EXPENDITURES</b>             | <b>AMOUNT</b>   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1014310-38301<br>Misc. Donations | \$125.00        | 1014310-43240<br>Other Supplies | \$125.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>\$125.00</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>\$125.00</b> |

**Justification:** The Sheriff’s Office received a donation check from Linda Smith to help with the purchase of Honor Guard Equipment, which will be used by the Honor Guard for ceremonial purposes only.

**DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS**

Commissioner Mitchell thanked the citizens who both spoke and emailed on the topic and expressed appreciation to all the educators given the difficulty of the past year. She stated that we all want what is best for our children and how to educate them, but just have different approaches on how to do that. Ms. Mitchell said she supported the voting by District concept. She highlighted that the issue is not about the educational system nor the teachers; it is about the School Board. Ms. Mitchell reported that the Board of Commissioners have been inundated with letters, emails, and phone calls from parents wanting the school system open and that the School Board has not been responsive nor held accountable. Ms. Mitchell concluded by saying she would vote in favor of the Resolution.

Commissioner Smith stated she is strongly opposed to the Resolution, as she believes schools should be non-partisan. Ms. Smith relayed that the information she heard in support of the proposed resolution at a previous work session astonished her, as it was full of misinformation. She indicated as a former School Board member, her truths are different from what she has heard as reasons to be in support of the resolution. Ms. Smith set about to rebuke some of the misinformation that had been presented.

In regards to the School Board’s actions not being available to the public, she stated that everything they do is public knowledge and done in open session, except for personnel issues; and that all their records are available by asking or online. She highlighted that at all of their meetings, there is a teacher, a parent, and a principal present.

Ms. Smith reported that the School Board meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, with a work session on the Tuesday prior to the meeting; all are held at the central service office and published in the paper and online. She further declared that if a person wants information on candidates it is readily available online and from the Board of Elections office; and if the incumbent is not being accountable to the citizen, then they do not have to vote for them.

Referencing the Hatch Act and its restrictions on Federal employees, she indicated people should conduct their own investigation into the facts and not just follow others blindly.

Ms. Smith then addressed the undervote used to support reasoning to make the School Board partisan by providing statistics from the Board of Commissioners elections in 2018 and indicated the results do not validate the undervote.

She continued by countering statements about the loss of students and double tuition by highlighting all the variables involved that result in student population decreases: redistricting, decreases in classroom sizes, loss of choice of schools, Hurricane Florence, and the pandemic. Ms. Smith reported that when your child leaves the public school system, which is a mandatory service considered essential to our country, the money follows the child, so a parent is not paying tuition twice. Schools are funded by taxes and what a school receives is based upon their enrollment.

Commissioner Smith concluded by stating it is wrong to deceive others with information that is not carefully researched and factual. She stated this is my truth and I support non-partisan Board of Education elections because it supports every person being allowed to campaign and hold office if they choose. She indicated it is important to her because there was a time when she and people like her, were left out for reasons that were not Christian.

At this time, Commissioner Mitchell requested to call the question. Commissioner Mark seconded and her motion was approved in a 5-2 (Nays – McCabe, Smith) roll call vote.

Commissioner Mark motioned to adopt the following Resolution in Support of Partisan Board of Education Elections. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried in a 5-2 (Nays: McCabe, Smith) roll call vote.

**CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION OF PARTY AFFILIATION OF  
 EACH CANDIDATE FOR CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND  
 SUPPORTING THE ELECTION OF SUCH MEMBERS BY DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, members of the Craven County Board of Education are elected in non- partisan elections; and,

**WHEREAS**, Craven County Board of Education members are not elected purely by district but rather run by district in primaries and county-wide in general elections; and,

**WHEREAS**, identification of candidates' party affiliation will provide voters with more information about the positions and policies the candidates support; and,

**WHEREAS**, twenty-six (26) school districts in North Carolina currently elect their Board of Education members in partisan races.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Craven County Board of Commissioners requests the North Carolina General Assembly establish that henceforth the party affiliation of candidates for the Craven County Board of Education be identified and that members of the Craven County Board of Education shall be elected solely by district; and,

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the election of members of the Craven County Board of Education occur in even years; and,

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this change in the election of Craven County Board of Education members shall not impact the terms of any current members of the Craven County Board of Education; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Craven County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that this change begin in the next election cycle, 2022.

**Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021**

#### **DISCUSSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Chairman Jones requested that the vote on the Animal Control Ordinance Amendment be deferred, as that is typical protocol on ordinance amendments.

Commissioner McCabe motioned to defer the vote until the April 19, 2021 meeting. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Mark and approved unanimously.

At 10:00 p.m. a five-minute break was taken.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: SOCIAL SERVICES – SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**

Social Services Director, Geoffrey Marett, reported that in the May 18, 2020 meeting of the County Board of Commissioners it was approved to enact the option of a one year extension that was included in the original contract. The current one year extension will end on June 30, 2021. He stated that on January 4, 2021 a Request for Proposals was posted on the Craven County website in order to solicit proposals to administer the Child Support Enforcement Program in Craven County. On February 24, 2021 three proposals were received.

These proposals were rated by a review panel that consisted of Geoffrey Marett, Social Services Director, April Rollins, Income Maintenance Administrator with Craven County DSS and Gene Hodges, Assistant County Manager. References for the selected provider were contacted by Mr. Marett. Mr. Marett relayed that Young Williams' knowledge and experience with similar projects, in addition to cost, put them in the best position to help Craven County continue in the administration of the Child Support Enforcement program and the next step will be entering into a contract with Young Williams to administer these services beginning July 1, 2021.

Commissioner Mark motioned to select Young Williams as the company to administer the Child Support Enforcement program in Craven County and (i) authorize the Social Services Director and person selected by the County Manager to prepare a contract to serve the purposes and needs as presented/discussed and (ii) authorize the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Manager and Clerk to execute and deliver the contract once prepared, and any other ancillary documents which may be required to fully implement the contract. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and in a roll call vote approved 7-0.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: HEALTH – ADDITIONAL COVID FUNDING**

Health Director, Scott Harrelson, reported that additional state funding has been awarded to the Craven County Health Department to assist with COVID-19 vaccination planning & implementation of mass COVID-19 vaccination. He stated funds will be used to support and strengthen immunization planning and implementation requirements and activities to ensure effective, efficient, and equitable vaccination of the statewide population, equipping health care providers to discuss the vaccine and administer it to patients, ensuring adequate clinic staff availability, and ensuring systems can track vaccines administered and provide recall tracking and notification to complete vaccine series.

Mr. Harrelson requested approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$284,327.00.

Commissioner Mark motioned to approve the following budget amendment, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Liner and approved 7-0 in a roll call vote.

*Health/Emergency Preparedness*

| <b>REVENUES</b>                | <b>AMOUNT</b>       | <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                  | <b>AMOUNT</b>       |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1015012-33301<br>State Funding | \$284,327.00        | 1015012-43207<br>Janitorial Supplies | \$ 1,500.00         |
|                                |                     | 1015012-43208<br>Medical Supplies    | \$ 20,000.00        |
|                                |                     | 1015012-43240<br>Other Supplies      | \$ 1,500.00         |
|                                |                     | 1015012-44000<br>Contract Supplies   | \$ 65,000.00        |
|                                |                     | 1015012-44050<br>Contract Employees  | \$ 50,000.00        |
|                                |                     | 1015012-43112                        | \$146,327.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$284,327.00</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>\$284,327.00</b> |

Mr. Harrelson provided a brief Covid 19 update stating that transmission in Craven County is currently 12 cases per 100,000 a day. Craven County vaccinations are higher than the State averages and continues to move along successfully.

**DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: CDBG-NR CONTRACT AWARD**

Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, reported that a re-bid opening for the rehabilitation & elevation of (1) storm-damaged, owner-occupied home included in the CDBG-NR Program was held on March 25, 2021. Bid proposals were received from two contractors: Gilbert Everett Builder, Inc. and Paul Woolard Construction.

Rehabilitation Contract Award recommendations are as follows:

| <b>Unit Address</b>      | <b>Contractor</b>             | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Comments</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 125 Chips Rd., Vanceboro | Gilbert Everett Builder, Inc. | \$138,000.00  | Low Bidder      |

Mr. Baumgardner highlighted that the proposed contract award is within program budget; therefore, prompt approval of this contract award is requested to move forward with assistance with this household.

Commissioner Mark motioned to approve the low bid award to Gilbert Everett Builder, Inc. for \$138,000.00, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and approved unanimously.

**DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: FINANCE – STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

Finance Director, Craig Warren, relayed that at the November 16, 2020 Board of Commissioner's Work Session, County staff along with staff from McKim & Creed, presented a project to Commissioners to replace and upgrade sections of the water system's telemetry components that were damaged during Hurricane Florence. As part of the presentation, engineering cost estimates, along with several funding options, were discussed and considered. The Board authorized County staff to begin the process of submitting a funding application to the Division of Water Infrastructure's State Revolving loan program to finance this project. Mr. Warren stated that the application period to request funding is now open and runs through April 30, 2021. The adoption of a resolution is required in order to move forward with the application process.

Commissioner Mark motioned to adopt the following resolution, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Smith and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION BY  
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, The Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina the Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of SCADA and Telemetry for existing drinking water distribution system, and

**WHEREAS**, The Craven County Government has need for and intends to construct a SCADA and Telemetry improvements project described as installation of fiber optic and communications equipment, and

**WHEREAS**, The Craven County Government intends to request state loan assistance for the project,

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

That Craven County Government, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan award.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the Craven County Government to make scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the Craven County Government any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof. That Craig Warren, Finance Director and Jack B. Veit, III, County Manager, as the **Authorized Officials**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a loan to aid in the construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the April 5, 2021 at the Riverfront Convention Center in New Bern, North Carolina.

**APPOINTMENTS**

*Pending*

Chairman Jones reviewed the following pending appointments:

- Adult Care Home Advisory Committee
- Community Child Protection Team
- Coastal Regional Solid Waste Management Authority (CRSWMA)
- Craven/Pamlico Regional Library
- Nursing Home Advisory Committee
- Regional Aging Advisory Board
- Voluntary Agriculture District Advisory Board
- Cove City Library

Chairman Jones requested that John Hawkins be appointed to fill the Cove City Library vacancy. There being no other applicants, Mr. Hawkins was appointed by acclamation.

*Current**Fire Tax Commissioners*

Commissioner Mark motioned to appoint Thomas Gaskins, Jr. to fill the vacancy left by James Cline. There being no additional nominations, Mr. Gaskins was appointed by acclamation.

*Voluntary Agricultural District*

Chairman Jones motioned to reappoint Dietrick Kilpatrick. There being no additional nominations, Mr. Kilpatrick was reappointed by acclamation.

*Regional Aging Advisory Board*

Mrs. Carolyn Bland does not wish to be reappointed and there are no applicants currently on file.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

*Initial Offer to Purchase Real Property – Boone Road, Havelock (Parcel Number 5-009-114)*

County Attorney, Arey Grady, reported that the County has received an offer in the amount of \$6,000.00 for this real property, which was acquired through a tax foreclosure, with past due taxes and costs of foreclosure totaling \$7,055.09. The tax value of this property is \$15,000.00.

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 Mitchell motioned to adopt the following resolution approving the transaction and authorizing the upset bid process, seconded by Commissioner Liner 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 5-009-114 (hereinafter “the Real Property”), the Real Property having been acquired by Craven County in deed recorded in Book 3635, Page 774 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 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

*Initial Offer to Purchase Real Property – 211 Loyd Ave., Grifton (Parcel Number 1-072-1004)*

Mr. Grady reported that the County has received an offer in the amount of \$2,500.00 this real property, which was acquired through a tax foreclosure, with past due taxes and costs of foreclosure totaling \$2,155.89. The tax value of this property is \$13,500.00.

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 Mark motioned to adopt the following resolution approving the transaction and authorizing the upset bid process, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell 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 1-072-1004 (hereinafter “the Real Property”), the Real Property having been acquired by Craven County in deed recorded in Book 3528, Page 2091 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 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

*Approval of Conveyance After Expiration of Upset Bid Period (Parcel Number 7-101-021)*

Mr. Grady relayed that the County previously received and approved an offer to purchase this real property, in the amount of \$1,000.00, subject to the completion of the upset bid process. The offer was advertised, and there was an upset bid in the amount of \$1,500.00. This offer was advertised and there were no upset bids, the final bid being \$1,500.00. The upset bid period has now expired, and the Mr. Grady recommended approval of the conveyance at the purchase price of \$1,500.00. The County originally acquired this property through a tax foreclosure, with past due taxes and costs of foreclosure totaling \$2,629.05. The tax value of this property is \$1,620.00.

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

Commissioner Mark motioned to adopt the following resolution approving conveyance after expiration of the upset bid period, 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 7-101-021 (hereinafter “the Real Property”), the Real Property having been acquired by Craven County in deed recorded in Book 3560 Page 889 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 Willie H. Harvey, Jr., in the sum of \$1,500.00 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 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

*Approval of Conveyance After Expiration of Upset Bid Period (Parcel Number 3-058-097)*

Mr. Grady relayed that the County previously received and approved an offer to purchase this real property, in the amount of \$1,700.00, subject to the completion of the upset bid process. The offer was advertised, and there was an upset bid in the amount of \$2,500.00. This offer was advertised and there were no upset bids, the final bid being \$2,500.00. The upset bid period has now expired, and Mr. Grady recommended approval of the conveyance at the purchase price of \$2,500.00. The County originally acquired this property through a tax foreclosure, with past due taxes and costs of foreclosure totaling \$3,204.35. The tax value of this property is \$3,810.00.

He stated that should the Board of Commissioners authorize this transaction, the 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 Mark 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 3-058-097 (hereinafter “the Real Property”), the Real Property having been acquired by Craven County in deed recorded in Book 2525 Page 390 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 Rodney Guy Russell, Jr., and Rodney Guy Russell, III 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 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

*Initial Offer to Purchase Real Property – 115 Hillmont Rd., New Bern (Parcel Number 8-218-006)*

Mr. Grady reported that the 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.

Attorney Grady noted 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 Mitchell 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 8-219-006 (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 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

### PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

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

### COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager, Jack Veit, thanked all the County staff involved in setting up the Public Hearings, with a special thanks to the Convention Center staff, Maintenance staff and IT staff.

### COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

*Chairman Liner* reported on the Vietnam Wall coming to New Bern via escort and relayed that it will be open 24 hours a day to the public from Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to visit.

There were no comments from the other Commissioners.

### CLOSED SESSION

At 10:28 p.m. Commissioner McCabe motioned to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential, seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved unanimously.

At 10:40 p.m. Commissioner McCabe motioned to return to Open Session, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and approved unanimously.

Action was taken by the Board of Commissioners during Closed Session.

At 10:40 p.m. Commissioner Mark motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously approved.

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Chairman Jason R. Jones  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Nan Holton  
Clerk to the Board