

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, AUGUST 16, 2021. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Jason R. Jones
Vice Chairman Denny Bucher
Chairman George S. Liner
Commissioner Theron L. McCabe
Commissioner Thomas F. Mark
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:

Loving God, You are author of life and origin of all created things.

We ask that Your grace and blessing be bestowed upon the men and women who have been called to serve our County.

Help them to represent their constituents wisely with an eye toward safeguarding the deeper truths of human life that come only from You.

Bless the County that they represent. Bless our Country. Help our Commissioners to take actions that will uphold the values of peace and justice in our land and throughout the world.

We ask this in God's name. Amen.

Based upon the invocation given by Reverend Richard Doerr, the April 4, 2000 session of the US House of Representatives

Chairman Jason Jones recognized all the Leadership Craven representatives present and had them introduce themselves. He requested the agenda be amended by adding Health Director, Scott Harrelson, to provide a COVID19 update. Commissioner Mark motioned to approve the agenda, as amended, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and approved unanimously.

SMART START PRESENTATION

Sandra Arasim, Region Two Infant Toddler Specialist with Craven Smart Start, Inc., provided a PowerPoint presentation on their operations and programs. She explained that the first one thousand days of life are critical to brain development and that Smart Start's purpose is to enable families, and communities to recognize, support and access early childcare services. Ms. Arasim indicated they want to start a strategic planning group with the county, municipal and community leaders, to address how to include more in-need families. She addressed many inquiries about federal funding, staffing, and the social justice aspect of her presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Mark motioned to approve the consent agenda, inclusive of the Minutes of August 2, 2021 Regular Session, Tax Releases and Refunds (*Credits = \$1,125.00; Refunds = \$577.42*), Recreation Memorial Bench Donation and Request to Set Public Hearing for September 7, 2021 – Economic Development: Project Pittsburgh. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion, which was approved 7-0 in a roll call vote.

Recreation

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
1015910-38301 Donations	\$1,122.07	1015910-47321 C/O \$500-\$4,999	\$1,122.07
TOTAL	\$1,122.07	TOTAL	\$1,122.07

Justification: This is a bench donation in memory of a family member. Bench will be placed at the waterfront at Creekside Park.

Request to Set Public Hearing for September 7, 2021 – Economic Development: Project Pittsburgh

Project Pittsburgh is a local manufacturer who plans to invest \$9 million dollars machining & equipment in its existing facility and create over 30 jobs in five years. They have asked what assistance the local community can provide in this investment. A \$9 million investment will yield an estimated \$50,400.00 in taxes.

Due to the investment and job creation, the Economic Development Department recommended that Craven County assist in this investment by providing a \$25,000.00 grant to be utilized to assist Project Pittsburgh in the conversion of warehouse space in their facility to manufacturing space.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S 158-7.1 the Economic Development Department requested that the Board set a public hearing on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm, or soon thereafter, to receive public comment.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: TAX

2020 Tax Collection Settlement

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, presented to the Board his settlement of the 2020 tax levy for their approval. Pursuant to NCGS 105-273(3), the tax collector requested that the settlement, along with the Board’s action regarding it, be entered in full upon the minutes. Mr. Antry reviewed the total levy for 2020 was \$51,042,710.51; the net levy was \$50,840,786.73 or which \$50,394,904.06 was collected. He stated the percentage of 2020 taxes collected equaled 99.12% which is up from the previous year.

Commissioner Mark motioned to accept the settlement of the 2020 tax levy, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and unanimously carried in 7-0 roll call vote.

County Manager Jack Veit took the opportunity to recognize Ronnie Antry for his 47 years of county service, as he is retiring in November.

ANNUAL TAX COLLECTION SETTLEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY, CERTIFIED VALUATION AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OTHER THAN REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES

**CRAVEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

General Fund Original Levy	\$	48,323,952.49
Fire District Original Levy	\$	<u>2,155,722.34</u>
Total Original Levy	\$	50,479,674.83
Add:		
Afterlists	\$	<u>563,035.68</u>
Total Levy	\$	51,042,710.51
Less:		
Write-offs	\$	<7,308.34>
Releases	\$	<186,958.30>
Refunds	\$	<u><7,657.14></u>
Net Levy	\$	50,840,786.73
Collected	\$	50,394,904.06
Uncollected as of June 30, 2021	\$	445,882.67

Percentage of 2020 taxes collected: **99.12%**

Net taxable valuation: **\$8,836,237,385**

2021 Charge to the Tax Collector

Commissioner Mitchell motioned to adopt and enter into the minutes an order to charge the tax collector with the collection of the 2021 tax levy. The order to be adopted is required by NCGS 105-321 (b). Commissioner Liner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously in a 7-0 roll call vote.

2021 CHARGE TO THE CRAVEN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CRAVEN**

TO THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN

You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the office of the Craven County Tax Collector and in the tax receipts herewith delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth.

Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in the County of Craven, and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable you to levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 16th day of August, 2021.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: CARTS

Budget Amendment for Three Urban Radios

Transportation Director, Kelly Walker, requested approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$7,000.00, to purchase three radio sets, one for each of the 5307 funded urban vehicles. These vehicles are used on the fixed route and will be reimbursed 100% using 5307 CARES Act funds. The current radios have exceeded useful life. Ms. Walker relayed that they had been waiting to purchase these radios at the same time they purchased radios for the remainder of the fleet; but she stated that approval from NCDOT to use 5311 CARES Act funds for the purchase has not been received and CARTS is ready to move forward with urban improvements. Equipment that is within its useful life is part of those improvements.

Commissioner Liner motioned to approve the following budget amendment in the amount of \$7,000.00, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and approved 7-0 in a roll call vote.

CARTS

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
1014513-33114 CARES Act	\$7,000.00	1014512-47321 Capital Outlay	\$7,000.00
TOTAL	\$7,000.00	TOTAL	\$7,000.00

Set Public Hearing for September 7, 2021

Ms. Walker reported that North Carolina Department of Transportation/Integrated Mobility Division (NCDOT/IMD) has released the FY2022-2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) 5311 Community Transportation Program (CTP) application, as well as applications for Combined Capital, Rural State Operating (RSO), 5310 Enhanced mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program - Operating, and 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program - Mobility Manager. She stated that each requires the opportunity for public input as well as a public hearing which are allowed to be combined. Applications for these projects must be submitted no later than October 8, 2021.

Ms. Walker relayed the 5311 CTP grant is a formula-based allocation grant for public transportation projects in non-urbanized areas. CARTS has historically relied on this grant to assist with the costs of providing rural public transit services.

She further stated that NCDOT/IMD has a process for capital projects to be put into an application which does not specify into which grant the capital projects will be placed. This allows for flexibility based on grant availability and this determination is made at the state level. Capital projects to be included in this grant application are replacement vehicles and replacement of other items, such as radios, that are considered capital procurement items.

She highlighted the Rural State Operating (RSO) grant request will be for a phase two (2) project developed from the data received from the FY2020 RSO grant activities. The 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disability Program - Operating application will address the needs of the elderly and disabled to travel to destinations outside of our service area. The 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program - Mobility Manager would seek to apply for funding for the CARTS Mobility Manager position instead of using a portion of the 5310 CTP allocation for that expense.

CARTS is in the process of requesting a general letter of support of CARTS services from the Down East Rural Planning Organization which is a requirement for the two (2) 5310 application submissions.

In conclusion she informed the Board that grant application information will be available no later than August 30, 2021, on the CARTS web-page and in the CARTS office and requested a combined public hearing be set for the September 7, 2021, meeting.

Commissioner Mark motioned to set a public hearing for September 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm, or soon thereafter, regarding NCDOT FY23 grant applications, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and approved unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: SOCIAL SERVICES – HCCBG REVISED BUDGET 2021-2022

Clayton Gaskins, Chairman, presented the recommended budget revisions from the Craven Aging Planning Board (CAPB) Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG). He reviewed that back in March when developing the budget they did not have the allocations from the state so they used the previous year’s figures.

Mr. Gaskins stated when the allocations were made, there was an overall reduction of \$229.00, which is being absorbed completely by CARTS (Craven Area Rural Transit System). Additionally, he relayed that was an increase to DSS Senior Home Delivered Meals of \$161.00 that was omitted in error from the budget amendment for the original recommended budget.

Commissioner Liner motioned to approve the revised HCCBG Budget for 2021-2022 and the following budget amendment, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and in a roll call vote approved 7-0.

Organization	Program	CAPB Approved 3/31/21	Revised 7/22/21	Difference
Havelock	Congregate	\$24,688.00	\$24,688.00	
CARTS	Transportation	\$46,845.00	\$46,616.0	\$229.00
Coastal Comm. Action	Senior Companion	\$20,700.00	\$20,700.00	
Social Services	Care Management			
	In Home Aide *			
	Congregate			
	Home Delivered			
	Total	\$426,875.00	\$426,875.00	
Total		\$519,108.00	\$518,879.00	\$(229.00)

DSS/Senior Comp/Havelock/CARTS

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
1014511-33303	\$ (92.00)	1014510-43101	\$ (92.00)
HCCBG Tran St Grn		Fuel & Other	
1014513-33303	\$(137.00)	1014512-43101	\$(137.00)
Tran St Grn		Fuel & Other	
1015217-33108	\$ 161.00	1015217-44000	\$ 179.00
Home Delivered		Contractual Services	
1010000-39901	\$ 18.00		
TOTAL	\$ (50.00)	TOTAL	\$ (50.00)

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: PLANNING

Request for Addition to State Maintained Secondary Road System (Summerfield Road)

Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, requested the Board’s approval of a road addition resolution in the Summerfield Subdivision (Summerfield Road) to be turned over to the State of

North Carolina for maintenance. He stated the resolution, once passed, would be forwarded to NCDOT for their final consideration and acceptance of the road to the State Maintenance System.

Commissioner Mark motioned to approve the standard SR2 Road Addition Resolution, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and approved unanimously.

Request to Set Public Hearing for September 7, 2021 – CDBG

Mr. Baumgardner requested that the Board set a public hearing for September 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm, or soon thereafter, to hear comments regarding the County's intent to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds.

He stated the purpose of this public hearing is to obtain citizens' views and answer any questions posed by citizens regarding Craven County's intentions to apply for funding associated with the FY2021 Community Development Block Grant Program, sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division (REDD). This public hearing will cover the County's community development needs, proposed activities, and a review of program compliance before the submission of the County's CDBG funding application to the state of the North Carolina.

He indicated that Craven County is eligible to apply for up to \$750,000.00 under the Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Craven County's application for this funding is scheduled to be submitted to the Department of Commerce by October 14, 2021. Mr. Baumgardner relayed that he will be coming back to the Board to schedule a second public hearing.

Commissioner Liner motioned to set a public hearing for September 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm, or soon thereafter, to hear comments regarding the CDBG-NR Program, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and approved unanimously.

There were inquiries about funding for Matthew CDBG NR Program which Mr. Baumgardner and Mr. Veit responded too. Disaster Recovery money from 2018 approved five houses for Dorian on Friday, but no information in regards to the thirteen homes related to Hurricane Matthew has been received.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: FINANCE – GASB 84 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR DEED OF TRUST FEES AND FINES AND FORFEITURES

Finance Director, Craig Warren, reported that at the June 14, 2021 Board of Commissioner's meeting, there were several budget amendments approved by the Board establishing the new accounts needed for the implementation of GASB Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities. These accounts were set up for both the state's portion of the Deed of Trust fees and Fines and Forfeitures which are collected and remitted to the school system. He stated due to timing of both the implementation and the budget schedule, these new accounts were not established in time to be included with the adoption of the FY 22 budget. Therefore, in order to establish the budget for these funds in the new fiscal year, and to continue remitting them to the appropriate agency, a budget amendment, in the amount of \$465,000.00, is needed. Of this amount, \$90,000.00 is estimated for Deed of Trust fees, and \$375,000 is estimated for Fines and Forfeitures.

Commissioner Mitchell motioned to approve the following budget amendment in the amount of \$465,000.00, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Liner and approved 7-0 in a roll call vote.

Register of Deeds/Schools

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
1014190-34401 Deed of Trust	\$90,000.00	1014190-44503 State Fees – Deed of Trust	\$90,000.00

1010000-33461	\$375,000.00	1016110-43713	\$375,000.00
Fines/Forfeitures		Fines/Forfeitures -Schools	
TOTAL	\$465,000.00	TOTAL	\$465,000.00

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS: HUMAN RESOURCES – CRAVEN COUNTY 2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Human Resources Director, Amber Parker, presented the proposed Craven County 2022 Holiday Schedule for the Board’s consideration. The proposed schedule grants eleven (11) holidays which includes two (2) days for Christmas and no floating holidays.

She highlighted that the proposed 2022 Craven County Holiday Schedule is the same as the State of North Carolina's 2022 Holiday Schedule with the exception that the State of North Carolina grants three (3) days for Christmas and Craven County's schedule grants two (2) days for Christmas.

Commissioner Mark motioned to approve the following proposed Craven County 2022 Holiday Schedule, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Liner and approved unanimously.

**CRAVEN COUNTY
2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**NEW YEAR’S DAY
Friday, December 31, 2021**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
Monday, January 17, 2022**

**GOOD FRIDAY
Friday, April 15, 2022**

**MEMORIAL DAY
Monday, May 30, 2022**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY
Monday, July 4, 2022**

**LABOR DAY
Monday, September 5, 2022**

**VETERANS DAY
Friday, November 11, 2022**

**THANKSGIVING
Thursday, November 24, 2022
Friday, November 25, 2022**

**CHRISTMAS
Monday, December 26, 2022
Tuesday, December 27, 2022**

Ms. Mackie had not arrived yet for her presentation, so the Board moved onto Appointments.

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
- Regional Aging Advisory Board
- Voluntary Agriculture District Advisory Board (District 6)

Current

Community Child Protection Team

Diane Donald has not responded yet to her intent for reappointment; therefore, it was the consensus of the Board to defer this appointment.

Craven County Board of Adjustments

Commissioner Mark nominated Cynthia Riley for reappointment. There being no additional nominations, Ms. Riley was reappointed by acclamation.

Craven County Clean Sweep

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

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

Commissioner Mitchell nominated John Britt for appointment. There being no additional nominations, Mr. Britt was appointed by acclamation.

Havelock Library

Four applications were received to fill the term of Jackie Attaway, who has recently resigned. Commissioner Liner nominated Joe Meadows to complete her term. There being no additional nominations, Mr. Meadows was appointed by acclamation.

Upcoming

Chairman Jones reviewed upcoming appointments to boards and committees with terms expiring September, 2021.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Approval of Conveyance After Expiration of Upset Bid Period – 135 Hillmont, New Bern (Parcel No. 8-219-008)

County Attorney, Arey Grady, reported that Craven County previously received and approved an offer to purchase this real property, in the amount of \$6,750.00, subject to the completion of the upset bid process. The offer was advertised, and there were no upset bids, the final bid being \$6,750.00. The upset bid period has now expired, and Mr. Grady recommended approval of the conveyance at the purchase price of \$6,750.00. 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 \$6,182.47. The tax value of this property is \$13,500.00.

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

He further stated 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 Mark moved to adopt the following resolution approving conveyance after expiration of the upset bid period, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and unanimously carried.

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 8-219-008 (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 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 Sandra A. Rodgers in the sum of \$6,750.00 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 16th DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT

County Manager, Jack Veit, stated that based on recent conversations with county department heads, he felt a need to have a discussion about recruitment and retention and proposed that the Board recess this meeting and reconvene on Thursday, August 19th at 8:30 am for this purpose. The Board was in consensus.

He expressed what a pleasure it was to attend the annual NC ACC conference in Wilmington, where some challenging issues, such as the pending opioid settlement that were presented and will need to be dealt with in the near future. Also, ARP (American Rescue Plan) money was discussed, and ideas shared. He stated the last guidance from the Treasury is expected this week, but there will still be gray areas. A couple of things being looked at are the Water Telemetry Project that Mr. Hodges presented earlier in the year. It is believed that this is a solid ARP project. He indicated that money comes in two increments; one was received in May and the next will be received in May 2022. The County has until 2024 to spend. A lot of creativity in how other counties are going to spend their money will need to be observed. In September/October, a work session would be in order to cover these topics.

Mr. Veit commented that the 2021 County Map data book was distributed and each Commissioner has been given one. It gives about 50 data points and shows how Craven County stacks up against the other NC counties.

At 9:51 am a recess was taken.

Health Director, Scott Harrelson, gave an update on the current Covid 19 statistics in Craven County. He indicated that there has been a lot of discussion about the Delta variant and the rising cases. He stated its presence is known in Craven County because typing is done by Vidant for our region. They are relaying that 95% of what they are seeing is the Delta variant.

Mr. Harrelson indicated that NC is eleventh in the US for Covid transmission; this is based on a 7-day moving average per 100,000. He reported there are 35.5 new cases every day per 100,000 in Craven County. As of Friday, the hospital reported there were 12 people from Craven County in the hospital; it has been as high as 22 recently. Mr. Harrelson highlighted that Craven County's positivity rate is 9.6% and aims to be below 5%. He shared that when cases were spiking back in December the death rate was 1.4% and as of the week of July 25th, the mortality rate is just 1/10 of that, which he stated is a direct correlation to the effectiveness of the vaccine and the improvement of in-patient treatments over time.

CRAVEN COUNTY REDISTRICTING PRESENTATION 2021

Caroline Mackie, Poyner Spruill LLP, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board pursuant to the legal requirements and potential criteria involved with redistricting in Craven County.

Chairman Jones was excused at 10:00 am and Vice Chairman Bucher took over the proceedings.

Ms. Mackie highlighted the following topics:

- Why we need to redistrict
- How the Census data is utilized
- Permissible deviation range – within +/- 5% of ideal district population
- Who draws the districts?
- N.C.G.S 153A-22
- Race
 - ❖ Equal protection clause of the 14th amendment
 - ❖ Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act
- Guiding Criteria
 - ❖ Equal population required
 - ❖ Contiguity required
 - ❖ Consideration of certain administrative boundaries
 - ❖ Recognizing communities of interest
 - ❖ Physical features boundaries
 - ❖ Preserving the core of existing districts
 - ❖ Compactness
 - ❖ Avoiding pairing incumbents
 - ❖ Plan for population growth
 - ❖ No political considerations
- The process that will be followed
 - ❖ Necessity of redistricting based on population disparities
 - ❖ Reach consensus on guiding principles
 - ❖ LRS consultants to draw 2-3 alternative plans
 - ❖ Public Hearing
 - ❖ Review/revision of plans
 - ❖ Adoption of Resolution
 - ❖ Export plans to Board of Elections, GIS, etc.
- Timeline with a deadline of November 17, 2021

Ms. Mackie reported Craven County has lost 2.7% population since the 2010 Census. She stated that four of the seven Craven County districts are out of balance, which indicates that all seven districts will need to be redrawn. With Craven County's 2020 Census population being 100,720, such that the ideal population for each of the seven districts would be 14,389. The plus or minus 5% range is calculated to be 13,670 – 15,109, which is the goal for each of the seven districts to fall within that range.

She addressed many inquiries from the Board.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Smith had nothing to report.

Commissioner Liner reported he was recently appointed to Veterans and Military Services Committee at the national level for NACO.

Commissioner Mitchell had nothing to report.

Commissioner McCabe reported he attended the funeral for Jones County Sheriff Danny Heath and commented on the great representation from all the different surrounding agencies.

Commissioner Mark reported on his attendance at two recent meetings. The Hospital Board has a new Chairman, David Payne. Most of the material covered at that meeting was regarding Covid 19. Mr. Mark also commented on the Tourism Development Authority Board meeting where reports were about the increased Convention Center activities.

Commissioner Bucher had nothing to report.

Motion to recess to reconvene on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 8:30 am in the Commissioner's Boardroom was made by Commissioner Mark, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and approved unanimously at 10:42 am.

Chairman Jason R. Jones
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Nan Holton
Clerk to the Board