

MINUTES
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2005

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met for a non-agenda community meeting on November 14, 2005, at the James W. Warren Citizens Center, 3rd Floor, Board of Commissioners Room, 115 W. Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Thomas R. Anderson, PE, Chairman
Carrol Mitchem, Vice Chairman
James Buddy Funderburk
Marie Moore

Others Present:

Stan B. Kiser, County Manager
Jeffrey A. Taylor, County Attorney
Amy Atkins, Clerk to the Board
Delores Alfaro, Assistant Clerk to the Board

Call to Order: *Chairman Anderson* called the November 14, 2005, meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to order.

Chairman Anderson stated that the purpose of this meeting is to allow the citizens of Lincoln County an opportunity to address the Board of Commissioners with any item which may be of interest to them, and allow the Commissioners an opportunity to respond. Chairman Anderson invited any member of the public to the podium for comment.

Chairman Anderson referred to an e-mail Board members had received concerning the matter of interbasin transfer of water from the Catawba River Basin to Kannapolis and Concord. He stated that it is his understanding that they are asking to transfer about 30,000,000 gallons per day. Chairman Anderson stated that Lincoln County's limit is 12,000,000, but is only permitted up to 6,000,000 at this time. He suggested to the Board that it would not be in Lincoln County's best interest to have that kind of interbasin transfer take place, particularly at that volume. Chairman Anderson stated that if the Board members present had no objection, he would ask counsel to draft a resolution for the Board expressing their opposition to it. He stated that it is a long term issue that won't affect the County immediately, but it could in the next 15-20 years put future Board members in a difficult situation. *Commissioner Funderburk* stated that he believed the figure was closer to 38,000,000 gallons. *Chairman Anderson* agreed that it was 30,000,000+, adding that it was substantially more than Lincoln County would be taking out anytime soon. Chairman Anderson stated that most of the other Catawba River

entities that withdraw have expressed opposition to it, and that public hearings have been held, but not in the areas of the basin itself. He stated that he felt this was something the Board should go on record as being in opposition to. Commissioner Funderburk referred to a drought the County previously had, and noted what a problem this could have caused at such a time.

Chairman Anderson asked that the record reflect that Commissioner Patton was not present, due to the birth of his first grandchild.

Commissioner Mitchem asked if the Board wanted to proceed with scheduling a date for the non-agenda meeting to be held in the western end of the County. *Chairman Anderson* clarified that the Board's public hearing and regular meeting were scheduled January 9 and 23, with January 16 being a holiday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr., leaving only Monday, January 30. *Jeff Taylor, County Attorney*, stated that was the date for the Board of Adjustment's meeting. *Stan Kiser, County Manager*, suggested Tuesday, January 24. *Commissioner Mitchem* suggested that the meeting be held at West Lincoln High School rather than North Brook Community Center, since it is more centrally located in the western end of the County. It was decided that 7:00 p.m. would be the time to meet.

Commissioner Mitchem stated that when the Board started discussing the meetings across the county, and decided that one would be held in the west, one in the east and one in the central location of the county. Commissioner Mitchem stated that he would like to make sure that the record shows that no one appeared for this meeting being held in the central part of Lincolnton. Commissioner Mitchem stated that, if no one shows up, it is tells him that the Board must be doing something right, adding that it shocked him that no one showed up for a non-agenda meeting that would have allowed them to talk or ask any questions. Commissioner Mitchem described it as surprising, but saw it as a good signal. *Commissioner Funderburk* agreed with him. Chairman Anderson stated that the opportunity was presented.

Stan Kiser, County Manager, asked the Board members and the County Attorney if any of them were planning on attending the YMCA Breakfast Wednesday, November 23, at 7:30. They all stated that they were.

Being no other business or speakers, *Chairman Anderson* entertained the motion to adjourn the meeting.

UPON MOTION by *Commissioner Moore*, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the non-agenda meeting.