

**MINUTES**  
**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2004**

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on February 16, 2004 at the Citizens Center, Commissioners Room, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting at 6:45 PM.

**Commissioners Present:**

Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman  
Thomas R. Anderson, PE, Vice Chairman  
James "Buddy" Funderburk  
Larry S. Craig  
Carrol D. Mitchem

**Others Present:**

Stan B. Kiser, County Manager  
Jeffrey A. Taylor, County Attorney  
Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board

**Call to Order:** Chairman Cochrane called the February 16, 2004 meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to order and welcomed everyone present.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Funderburk, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with the following changes: 1 – defer Approval of Minutes, 2 – add 7a – Hwy. 73 Corridor, and 3 – add 14a – add Work Request to Get Water Tanks Online.

**AGENDA**

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2004**

	6:45 PM	Call to Order
1.	6:46 PM	Adoption of Agenda
2.	6:47 PM	Approval of Minutes - February 2, 2004
3.	6:50 PM	Consent Agenda - Tax Requests for Releases More than \$100 – December 16 – January 15, 2004 - Tax Requests for Refunds More than \$100 – January 12 – February 2, 2004 - Budget Adjustments 46 & 47 - Sponsored Group Status

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dallas Foursquare Gospel Church</li> <li>- Grace Fellowship of Lincolnton</li> <li>- T &amp; T Investments</li> </ul>
4.	6:55 PM	Public Comments
5.	7:10 PM	Nutrition Funding for FY 04 – 05 – Erma Deen Hoyle
6.	7:20 PM	Special Projects Funding – Erma Deen Hoyle
7.	7:30 PM	Presentation from Gaston College – Dr. Pat Skinner
8.	7:45 PM	Update from Mountain Island Marine Commission – Kari Lanning
9.	8:00 PM	Request from JCPC Concerning Group Home – Dawn Wilson
10.	8:10 PM	Historical Preservation Week – Jason Harpe
11.	8:20 PM	Introduction of \$13,000,000 Refunding Bond Order
12.	8:30 PM	Introduction of \$47,000,000 School Bond Order
13.	8:40 PM	Request for Water and Sewer Fee Increases – Steve Gilbert
14.	8:50 PM	Roseland Heights Water Improvements – Steve Gilbert
15.	9:00 PM	Second Notification for Delinquent Accounts – Steve Gilbert
16.	9:10 PM	Finance Officer's Report – Leon Harmon
17.	9:15 PM	Vacancies/Appointments
18.	9:20 PM	Calendar
19.	9:30 PM	County Manager's Report
20.	9:35 PM	County Commissioners' Report
21.	9:40 PM	County Attorney's Report
22.	9:45 PM	Other Business
		Adjourn

**Consent Agenda:** UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda deferring T & T Investments for Sponsored Group Status.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>A/C NO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Armstrong, Sunny Hope	2002	0153798	\$ 109.72
Carolina Metal Buildings Inc.	2003	0088204	\$ 230.58
Cherry, John Mason	2002/03	0153264	\$ 131.84
Cocker, Pamela Waters	2003	0168595	\$ 126.73
Finger Brothers Inc.	2003	0065001	\$ 123.93
Finger, Peggy B.	2003	0098588	\$ 158.12
Gentry, Linda Frazier	2003	0171248	\$ 102.78
Grigg, Donavon Duane	2003	0148278	\$ 263.50
Grossheim, Richard			
Harding	2003	0143542	\$ 104.80
Kronk, Jeffrey Lowell	2003	0100614	\$ 104.42
Ledoux, Donald Kenneth	2002	0142285	\$ 199.19
Leonhardt, Vata Auton	2003	0171481	\$ 128.58
Lincoln County	2003	0135309	\$ 109.03
Lowrance, Gregory Calvin	2003	0170520	\$ 233.41
Nationsbanc Leasing Corp.	2003	0148392	\$ 286.73
Pettit, Corie Anne	2003	0171385	\$ 137.83
Price, Arthur Lane	2003	0169550	\$ 102.07
Providence Missionary			
Baptist	2003	0128472	\$ 150.81
Pruette, Carrell	2003	0119898	\$ 305.26
Rhyne, Johnny Eric	2003	0169724	\$ 199.77
Rudisill, Mark Edward	2003	0130299	\$ 169.21
Smith, Pamela Day	2003	0167437	\$ 185.73
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,664.04</b>

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>A/C NO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
American Express			
Equipment	2003	0157873	\$ 657.30
	1998-		
Brown, Frank C.	03	0123911	\$ 226.07
Cherry, Marion	2003	21103	\$ 6,756.46
Cronland Warp Roll Co	2002/03	24690	\$ 377.20
Cutchin, John F.	2003	21909	\$ 142.24
Doyle, Chris	2003	0170066	\$ 186.71
	1999-		
Fredell, Robert Edger	03	0103748	\$ 257.76
	2000-		
Garcia, Juan	03	00917	\$ 132.33
Goddard, Gwendolyn Faye	2003	0146574	\$ 168.51
Griffin Bros. Acquisitions			
LLC	2003	0144333	\$ 1,785.47
It's a Dollar	2003	0106521	\$ 117.53
Jenkins, Evelyn W.	2003	0118130	\$ 191.89
Keener, Michael F.	2003	03382	\$ 1,973.98

Lewis, Clarence E. Jr	2001/02	0142107	\$ 127.96
McPherson, Daniel Hall III	2003	0100820	\$ 210.71
Morrow, Benny	2003	0134696	\$ 163.26
Morrow, Rosalee Jolly	2002/03	0143782	\$ 522.53
Murphy, Cornelius Joseph	2003	0170907	\$ 256.17
	2000-		
Ramsey, Cassidy Campell	03	0128092	\$ 324.26
Walters, Gregory Steven	2003	0147158	\$ 188.20
Wehunt, John Calvin II	2003	0122514	\$ 790.91
Woodard, Rodney C.	2003	0169513	\$ 110.04
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,667.49</b>

LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT  
ANNUALS

**REQUEST FOR REFUNDS**

PERIOD COVERED (January 12, 2004 - February 2, 2004)

G.S.#105-381(B) ALL REFUNDS LESS THAN \$100.00  
(and) #105-325 including (A) (6)

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Richardson, Ruffin C.	2003	UFD	0077615	3.62
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3.62</b>

G.S.#105-381(B) ALL REFUNDS ANNUAL MORE THAN \$100.00  
(and) #105-325 including (A) (6)

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Heavner, Bobby L.	2001-2002	HCFD	0063254	126.64
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 126.64</b>

G.S.#105-381(B) ALL REFUNDS LESS THAN \$100.00  
(and) #105-325 including (A) (6)

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Balzer, Susan Marie	2002-2003	AFD	0145381	98.84
Hovis, Kenneth H.	2002	ELFD/ELSD	0122661	14.27
Jones, David W.	2003	AFD	0151540	13.06
Peeler, Bernice A.	2003	City	0089775	14.82
Poteat, Charlie S.	2003	N321	13968	23.91
Ritchie, Ray E.	2003	AFD	0073549	17.39
Spake, Ronald D.	2003	HCFD	0080873	7.19
Thomas, Bobby L.	2002	ELFD	0079553	1.78
Walters, Audra Harris	2003	DFD	0169240	3.81
Wehunt, J. Calvin II	2003	NBFD	01615	9.46
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$204.53</b>

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Helms, Billy Gene Jr.	2003	CFD	0162014	117.85
Powell, Barbara M.	2002	HCFD	0162767	127.84

TOTAL	\$245.69
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- Budget Adjustment No. 46 to establish accounts to handle funds collected from and paid out for vending machines at recreation facilities.
- Budget Adjustment No. 47 for Social Services for additional funds that were allocated to In-Home aide program from Office on Aging.

**Sponsored Group Status**

- Dallas Foursquare Gospel Church
- Grace Fellowship of Lincolnton

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Chairman Cochrane advised that this was the time the Board of Commissioners would receive comments from the citizens regarding any matter they desired to address.

Being no one wishing to speak, Chairman Cochrane declared the public comments section closed.

**Nutrition Funding for FY 2004-2005:** Erma Deen Hoyle presented the following information concerning Nutrition Funding.

As previously presented to the Board, Lincoln County does not have a formal nutrition program for seniors. (The only county in North Carolina not providing such a program.) Additional funding is available from the Home and Community Block Grants to provide such a program.

The program being recommended by Senior Services would differ from the more traditional service of congregate meals. This program would be restaurant based. While the actual cost of the meal is higher, the costs incurred for site staffing, meal preparation, and client transportation would be less.

During the earlier presentation, the question of economic need was raised. Funded through the Older Americans Act, these programs are open to any senior 60 years or older. However, if demand exceeds available resources, economic need is considered to prioritize those clients to receive service.

Additional efforts are planned to address this issue, including working with Adult Services at DSS to identify seniors who would benefit from the program, nutrition surveys of seniors, and special presentations to target groups of more needy seniors. The Nutrition program coordinator will be responsible for the lead role in these efforts, in addition to the coordination of qualifying programs and individuals and participating restaurants.

But economic relief is not the only benefit to the program. Other benefits include better nutrition (through not only the meals, but from the education component of the program), increased social interaction, and better knowledge of steps to a healthier lifestyle.

Erma Deen Hoyle requested authorization to pursue the Nutrition funding for the 2004-2005 budget year. A 10% local match will be required as well as the funding to replace the portion of these funds currently allocated to the other HCCBG services.

The Board discussed the advantages of congregate meals versus modified congregate meals.

Ms. Hoyle stated that attendance has been down at congregate meals throughout the state. All other counties in North Carolina have congregate meals. The 10% local match could be used for congregate meals for modified congregate meals. A decision needs to be made now to proceed to apply for funding.

Commissioner Mitchem asked who would oversee the program.

Ms. Hoyle stated that an additional county employee would be required and paid for through this money.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted 4 – 1 (Mitchem against) to approve the 10% local match.

**Special Projects Funding:** Erma Deen Hoyle stated that in previous recreation budgets, funding has been allocated for special projects in the community. No funds were included for this purpose in the 2003-2004 budget. However, the recreation department continues to receive requests for assistance with facilities that are used by the community.

These joint projects provide more recreation opportunities throughout the county, while taking advantage of cooperative funding efforts. For each of these projects, a portion of funding is raised through private or community efforts.

The requests submitted for the Board's consideration include playground equipment, field lighting, fencing, and a walking track. The Lincoln County Recreation Commission reviewed these requests at its February 4, 2004 meeting. The cost of the project, the amount raised by the organization the balance due, and the amount of support recommended by the Recreation Commission are listed below:

(1) West Lincoln High School – Baseball Field Lights \$20,000

Total Cost	\$63,000	(Lights only, installation donated)
Raised/paid to date	<u>(21,500)</u>	(\$14,500 from Athletic Dept. and 7,000 from the Community)
Balance:	\$41,500	

(2) St. James Elementary – Playground Equipment \$7,500

Project estimate:	\$20,000
Raised to Date:	<u>(7,500)</u> (approx.)
Balance:	\$12,500

(3) Iron Station Elementary – Walking Track \$5,000

Project estimate:	\$15,000
Private estimate:	<u>(5,000)</u> (PTA, donations)
Balance:	\$10,000

(4) West Lincoln Middle School - Fencing \$2,500

Project total	\$7,800
Raised to date:	(2,782) (School \$)
	<u>(2,500)</u> (PTO)
Balance:	\$2,518

Chairman Cochrane stated that he would feel more comfortable waiting until budget to look at these requests. He stated that he would also like information concerning needs at other schools before making a decision.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Mitchem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the \$35,000 expenditure for the Recreation Department for the four projects listed.

**Presentation from Gaston College:** Don Ballard, Pat Skinner, and Wayne Lowe gave a presentation concerning Gaston College's request for a new building on the Lincoln Campus of Gaston College. The building cost will be \$1,847,000, with additional costs for parking lots and current building renovation totaling \$1,971,500.

As the student population at the Lincoln Campus continues to grow, the need for additional space is critical. Course offerings need to be expanded and appropriately designed spaces are needed in numerous areas. Gaston College wants to offer complete Associate in Arts and Associate of Science degrees (both college transfer programs) and expand health science offerings at the Lincoln Campus, but this cannot be done without more science labs.

Gaston College proposes to construct a new building on the Lincoln Campus and reconfigure space in the existing building to accommodate student growth and needs. The proposed new building will house two science labs with prep rooms and storage space for supplies as well as a science lab/classroom. The new facility will also have three large computer classes, a large classroom to accommodate 50 students, six faculty offices and the necessary restroom and storage facilities.

The total cost for the Lincoln Campus project is just over \$1.9 million. This includes construction cost of just over \$1.8 million, with an additional \$112,500 needed for parking improvements and \$12,000 for renovations of the current facility. The college has already received \$400,000 in state funds to be used toward this project. Lincoln County and the City of Lincolnton are being approached for funds. Local businesses, individuals and foundations will be given an opportunity to take part in funding this important project.

Gaston College requested a commitment of \$750,000 over a two-year period, beginning with next year's budget.

Commissioner Mitchem

**Presentation from LNRC Concerning Sedimentation and Erosion Control:** Henry Fogle presented the Ordinance Concerning Sediment and Erosion Control.

There was discussion about the changes to the Ordinance and about the fact that the State should be handling this. Commissioner Craig asked for a state representative to be here the next time this issue is discussed. He stated that the Board should also talk to our representatives about this.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted 2 – 2 (Craig and Funderburk against) to let the Board review the draft ordinance and make any recommendations for change to the Commission that has studied this to be brought back to the Commissioners at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in March.

**Tax Department Request for Vehicle:** Madge Huffman stated that on Tuesday, January 13, 2004, the Appraisal Department's 1992 Chevrolet Corsica was involved in an accident. The vehicle was declared a total loss. She requested permission to purchase a 2004 Ford Escape at a price of \$19,957.52.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a new vehicle.

**12-Hour Shift Schedule for EMS:** Ron Rombs, EMS Director, presented the following information concerning 12-Hour Shift Schedule for EMS.

Over the past several years there has been a steady increase in the call volume for Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services. This increase in calls for emergency medical assistance has created several problems within the department, including:

1. Safety: LCEMS personnel are not receiving adequate rest during 24-hour shifts. Personnel are handling critical emergency calls after being awake in excess of twenty plus hours. The extended hours on the job induce severe fatigue that carries several liabilities that includes an increased probability of patient treatment error, as well as inflation to the risk of a motor vehicle collision involving an ambulance.
2. Morale and Well-being: LCEMS employees are under the impression that they are not as valuable as other public safety personnel and the county is not concerned with their welfare. Even though we have tried to overturn this line of thought, LCEMS personnel cannot be shaken of this belief. This alone has caused the morale to remain at a low level and creates an additional inner stress on response personnel.

3. Fluctuating Pay Week Plan: The fluctuating workweek pay plan reduces an individuals' overtime payment with each additional hour worked. LCEMS personnel believe that they are being penalized with reduced rates of pay for doing a job that is not considered by many to be a true public service.

These factors have caused Lincoln County employees with outstanding performance records to be lost to surrounding departments that deploy 12-hour shifts and pay employees at the time-and-one-half overtime rate. Also, no other departments within Lincoln County work extended shifts found at LCEMS, nor are any personnel penalized with reduced rates for working overtime.

I am requesting the following personnel changes to enhance Lincoln County EMS operational readiness.

Establish the following positions effective **10 July 2004**

<b>ADD</b>	1	Operations Supervisor Position	Grade 86	Step 1.5
	8	EMT-Paramedic Positions	Grade 84	Step 1.4
	2	EMT-Basic Positions	Grade 80	Step 1.4

The changes for fiscal year 2004-2005 can be accomplished with an additional \$360,000 in the Personal Services section of the budget. These additions to the budget will result in an increase in readiness to serve the public and will heighten overall employee satisfaction. These two changes alone will translate into positive outcomes that will well offset any increased budget cost associated with the added positions.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to go to 12-hour shift schedule starting March 1, 2004.

**Request for Purchase for EMS:** The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has approved money in the capital improvement account for the purchase of apparatus for FY 2003-2004.

I request that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of the following apparatus.

The purchase of two, 2002 model F-350 Ambulance in the amount of \$81,041 each, which is less than the purchase price of the ambulances purchased over the past three years.

AEV will allow the following apparatus for trade in for a credit of \$50,000;

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>VINN</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
Medic-14	1998	Ford E-450 Wheeled Coach Ambulance	1FDXE40F9WHB9828 6	142239
Medic-15	1997	Ford E-450 Wheeled Coach Ambulance	1FDLE40F0VHB88937	166243
Medic-16	1998	Freightliner Medic Master Ambulance	1FV36FBC5WH945222	158681
Medic-18	1995	Ford F-350 Wheeled Coach Ambulance	1FDKF37F85NA58605	200225
Medic-20	1987	Ford F-350 Horton Ambulance	2FDKF3712HCA06289	72215

The total purchase (\$162,082) minus trade-in allowance is \$112,082. The funds for the purchase of these ambulances are included in our CIP budget line 44-4370-5540-0000.

These ambulances will be purchased from Northwestern Emergency Vehicles located in West Jefferson, North Carolina. All ambulances purchased in the past three years were purchased from them and are basically identical.

We are able to save close to \$42,000 by selecting new chassis' from an earlier model year (2002). This purchase will complete the process of converting all ambulances to the same make, model and manufacturer. This element creates great savings in terms of remount cost, maintenance cost and long range cost analysis.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the ambulances.

**Online Auction of Surplus Property:** Leon Harmon presented the Board with information concerning the NCACC partnership with GovDeals to provide for the sale of surplus County property online. GovDeals is an online auction service that specialized with government agencies.

Mr. Harmon stated that the use of this service will allow for a more orderly disposal of property, provide for a much larger base of bidders, not be effected by weather and hopefully generate higher bids and a lower cost to the County.

Mr. Harmon presented the following Resolution for the Board's approval.

RESOLUTION

TO SELL SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY OF  
LINCOLN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, Lincoln County government has numerous items of personal property that are no longer needed by Lincoln County offices, and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-270 (b) provides an expeditious procedure for selling surplus personal property, and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-270 (c) provides for the use of public electronic auction services, and

WHEREAS, the surplus property consists of vehicles, trucks, desks, furniture, computers, and other surplus items of personal property.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Manager and/or Finance Officer be authorized to sell, at public auction, surplus personal property of Lincoln

County as this property becomes available. This surplus property shall be sold through GovDeals, Inc. whose web site is [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com). The terms of the sale will be for cash to the highest bidder.

Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.

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Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Amy S. Long  
Clerk to the Board

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution to Sell Surplus Personal Property of Lincoln County, North Carolina.

**Water Line Extension Petitions:** Steve Gilbert presented the following information concerning Water Line Extension Petitions.

As discussed at the Water Workshop of January 15, we are making a second contact with the groups of people that had submitted requests to have water lines extended to their neighborhoods. A letter will be sent to each group along with a new standard form for them to use in resubmitting a petition for our consideration. We are also asking for a financial commitment to make sure that each petition is in compliance with the policy before any lines will be extended. He presented a copy of the letter and form for the Board's approval.

It was suggested to put a note on the bottom of the petition saying that that a financial commitment of \$850 is required by a certain date. This is due to the fact that the letter will probably not be distributed with the petition.

**Adoption of 20-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Water:** Steve Gilbert presented the following information concerning the 20-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Water.

At the Water Workshop held on January 15, some discussion was held concerning the prioritizing of the water projects outlined in the 20-Year CIP prepared by Olver, Inc. of Charlotte. The projects have been rearranged in accordance with the wishes of the Board at the workshop, and the spreadsheet of projected cash flow has been revised accordingly. With the Board's approval, the 20-Year Capital Improvement Plan can be formally adopted and put into use as a planning tool for the County's water system for many years

to come. The Plan has already been adopted by the Sewer District for use in planning for sewer needs.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the 20-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Water.

**WK Dickson – Contract Amendment – East Lincoln Water Improvements:** Steve Gilbert presented the following information concerning a contract amendment for East Lincoln Water Improvements.

Our engineering consultant, WK Dickson & Co., Inc. of Charlotte, has provided inspection services and contract administration for the East Lincoln water line improvements that were constructed by three separate contractors over the past summer and early fall. Their contract for inspection services was set at a maximum amount of \$87,500.00 and the contract administration fee was set at a lump sum of \$42,900.00 based on the assumption that all three contracts would run concurrently. The projects are now complete, and due to unforeseen circumstances, the contracts started and finished at different times than we expected, causing the periods when their services were needed to exceed the original estimates. Dickson has submitted a contract amendment requesting payment for the extra services that were necessary.

The Board voiced concerns over the fact that they did not know of these overages until now. They felt they should have been made aware of this before now.

Mr. Wolfe stated that not all projects started at the same time so this resulted in the cost difference.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract amendment.

**Contract Amendment – Water Plant Expansion Preparation of Environmental Assessment:** Steve Gilbert presented the following information.

On September 9, 2002, a contract amendment was approved with WK Dickson & Co., Inc. to proceed with preparation of construction plans and contract documents for the expansion of the Lincoln County Water Treatment Plant from 3.0 MGD to 6.0 MGD. The original contract was approved on August 5, 2002. This amendment represented an increase in their scope of services from the original contract, which only included the expansion of the filtration capacity at the plant, and the total fee was increased from \$57,500.00 to \$139,200.00

Dickson has now received plan review comments from NCDENR, and the state is requiring the preparation of an Environmental Assessment to determine the impact of the proposed expansion on the environment. I have asked Dickson to review proposals from environmental consultants who specialize in this type of work, and they are recommending that the Assessment be prepared by Robert Goldstein & Associates, of

Raleigh. Mr. Goldstein is very experienced in this area of work, and, in fact, he previously prepared the Environmental Assessment for the existing Water Intake Structure at the treatment plant. The total compensation for preparation of this Assessment will be \$33,376.45, and for no additional cost it will also address the impact of the new water line and water tank that is contemplated along NC 73.

After discussion, the Board deferred this item for more information.

**Delinquent Account Policy – Proposed Revision:** Steve Gilbert presented changes to the Delinquent Account Policy to involve the acceptance of personal checks for payment of past due amounts on accounts that have been locked for non-payment. The revision also makes it possible for a locked account to be unlocked after normal operating hours, which necessitates the acceptance of personal checks by our on-call personnel. The fees for reconnection of service are also being changed to reflect the cost of providing this new service.

The reason Public Works is recommending this policy change is that many customers do not find out their water has been cut off until they come home from work, and do not currently have a way to get the water back on until the next day. By accepting a check for payment, our on-call personnel can turn their water back on in the evening. They will provide a receipt for such payment, with a copy being retained for our files. The on-call personnel will not be allowed to accept cash for past due payments, and since we will accept a personal check at night, we will also accept them for past due payments during the day. If a customer gives us a bad check, we will no longer accept a check for their payment if their account is locked during the following twelve months.

This makes it much more convenient for customers to get their water turned back on, particularly since so many people work outside the county and get home late most of the time. This proposed policy is similar to that in use in surrounding jurisdictions.

The Public Works Department recommends adoption of the revised Delinquent Account Policy, effective immediately.

The Board asked Steve to check to see if wording can be added to statements of overdue accounts saying their water will be cut off on a certain date.

The Board suggested changing the wording in Section D, Item F defining what immediately means, such as not on a Friday before a weekend or before a holiday.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Delinquent Account Policy Revision.

**Public Works Capital Project Report:** Steve Gilbert presented the capital project reports for the Public Works Department.

**Finance Officer's Report:** Leon Harmon, Finance Officer, presented the budget performance report for January , 2004.

**RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION AND ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA, AND AUTHORIZING FINANCE DIRECTOR TO FILE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL THEREOF WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lincoln, North Carolina (the "County") is considering the authorization of not exceeding \$13,000,000 Refunding Bonds of the County (the "Bonds") for the purpose of refunding all of the County's outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1994, dated February 15, 1994, that mature on or after June 1, 2005;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DETERMINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines in connection with authorizing the issuance of the Bonds that (a) the proposed issuance of the Bonds is necessary or expedient for the County, (b) the proposed principal amount of the Bonds is adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose of such issue, (c) the County's debt management procedures and policies are good and are managed in strict compliance with law, (d) no increase in taxes will be necessary to service the Bonds and (e) under current economic conditions the Bonds can be marketed at reasonable rates of interest.

Section 2. The Finance Director is hereby designated as the representative of the County to file an application for approval of the Bonds with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina, and all actions heretofore taken by the Finance Director and any other officers of the County relating to such matter are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Upon motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Craig, the foregoing resolution entitled:

**"RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION AND ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA, AND AUTHORIZING FINANCE DIRECTOR TO FILE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL THEREOF WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION"**

was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Cochrane, Anderson, Craig and Funderburk.

Noes: none.

Commissioner Cochrane introduced the following resolution, which was read by title and summarized by the Finance Director:

**RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION AND ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA, AND AUTHORIZING**

FINANCE DIRECTOR TO FILE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL  
THEREOF WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lincoln, North Carolina (the "County") is considering the authorization of not exceeding \$47,000,000 School Bonds of the County (the "Bonds") for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, for financing school improvements in the County, including paying expenses related thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DETERMINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines in connection with authorizing the issuance of the Bonds that (a) the proposed issuance of the Bonds is necessary or expedient for the County, (b) the proposed principal amount of the Bonds is adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose of such issue, (c) the County's debt management procedures and policies are good and are managed in strict compliance with law, (d) the estimated increase in taxes necessary to service the Bonds (5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation) will not be excessive and (e) under current economic conditions the Bonds can be marketed at reasonable rates of interest.

Section 2. The Finance Director is hereby designated as the representative of the County to file an application for approval of the Bonds with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina, and all actions heretofore taken by the Finance Director and any other officers of the County relating to such matter are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Upon motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Craig, the foregoing resolution entitled:

"RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION AND ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA, AND AUTHORIZING FINANCE DIRECTOR TO FILE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL THEREOF WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION"

was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Cochrane, Anderson, Craig and Funderburk

Noes: none.

**Vacancies:** Commissioner Craig presented the following vacancies and appointments.

## VACANCIES

Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee 6

Recreation Commission – Union 1

Solid Waste Advisory Board 4

(3 year terms, only meet about 2 times per year)

The following are Commissioner Craig's recommendations.

### Airport Authority

Frank Kiszely

**Board of Adjustment**

Reappoint: Dean Lutz  
Betty Setzer

**LNRC**

Appoint: Cynthia Jones to fill unexpired term of Jay Bunzey

**Historical Properties Commission**

Reappoint: Caroline Clark Morrison

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointments.

**County Manager's Report:** Stan Kiser, County Manager, presented the County Manager's Report.

**County Attorney's Report:** Jeff Taylor stated that he has checked on assessments for water improvements and they are allowed without any additional legislation.

**Adjourn:** **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Funderburk, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board

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Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman