

MINUTES
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2004

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on November 1, 2004 at the Citizens Center, Commissioners Room, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting at 6:30 PM.

Commissioners Present:

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

Planning Board Members Present:

Dean Lutz
Louis McConnell
Darrell Harkey
Harold Howard, Jr.
Ken Hovis
Jerry Geymont
Clyde Brown
Terry Whitener
John Pagel

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 November 1, 2004 meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to order and welcomed everyone present. Chairman Cochrane gave the Invocation and Commissioner Mitchem led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda: UPON MOTION by Commissioner Funderburk, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with the addition of Item 8a – Courthouse Security.

AGENDA

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 1, 2004

6:30 PM Call to Order

	6:31 PM	Invocation – Commissioner Jerry Cochrane
	6:32 PM	Pledge of Allegiance
1.	6:34 PM	Adoption of Agenda
2.	6:35 PM	Approval of Minutes - October 18, 2004
3.	6:40 PM	Consent Agenda - Budget Adjustment 31 - Requests for Releases – September 16-October 15, 2004 - Requests for EMS Franchise
4.	6:45 PM	Community Transportation Grant Public Hearing – Erma Deen Hoyle
5.	6:55 PM	New Business/Advertised Public Hearings – Randy Hawkins

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Single-Family (R-SF) and Neighborhood Business (B-N) to Conditional Use Planned Residential (CU P-R) to permit the development of a major subdivision with 131 lots for single-family homes. The property is located on the south side of Grassy Creek Road in Catawba Springs Township.

6. 7:40 PM 501 (c)(3) for Lincoln County – Erma Deen Hoyle
7. 7:50 PM Centralina Regional SEDS Economic Strategy – Al Sharpe
8. 8:00 PM Request from Lincolnton/Lincoln County Regional Airport
9. 8:10 PM Lincoln County Industrial Park Sewer Alternatives – Steve Gilbert
10. 8:20 PM Appointments
11. 8:25 PM Other Business

Adjourn

Approval of Minutes – October 18, 2004: Chairman Cochrane presented the minutes of the October 18, 2004 meeting for the Board's approval.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda: **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Mitchem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

Budget Adjustment No. 31 for Emergency Management to reverse budget adjustment No. 8 which was done in error.

Tax Requests for Releases – September 16 – October 15, 2004

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Asbury United Methodist Ch	2004	33687	\$ 1,413.72
Barkleys Grading	1997-04	36992	\$ 259.77
Cady, Jenelle	2004	0177647	\$ 289.47
Carper, Frank	2004	0177649	\$ 221.24
Century 21 Town & Country	2004	0160431	\$ 735.88
Charles, Thomas William	2002-04	0088131	\$ 252.06
Cronland Lumber Co	2004	24689	\$ 6,103.10
First National Bank	2004	0164949	\$ 1,050.29
Gaither, Ann H	2004	06804	\$ 1,351.12
Hometown Furniture of Linc.	2004	0156525	\$ 216.46
Hope Baptist of Lincolnton Inc	2004	0158467	\$ 5,332.59
Hovis, Cleta	2004	0162286	\$ 157.92

Johnson, Farrell & Lottie	2004	0177570	\$ 266.31
Jones, Beverly	2004	0177673	\$ 346.30
Leonhardt, Billy S.	2004	10243	\$ 2,579.69
M Neil Finger Properties Inc	2004	0166817	\$ 540.69
McClure, Richard A.	2004	0163152	\$ 348.93
Mobley, Leonard	2004	0177688	\$ 195.67
Monroe, Janice Teems	2004	0066414	\$ 470.46
New Life Construction	2004	0171092	\$ 184.25
New Providence Full Gospel	2004	0161984	\$ 3,290.29
PC Repair	2003/04	0163222	\$ 269.60
Setzer, Danielle	2004	0177704	\$ 321.82
Townsend, Teresa Jean	2003/04	39798	\$ 202.17
Waterside Crossing Town.	2004	0150911	\$ 9,383.79
Yorktown Funding Inc.	2004	0157865	\$ 297.19
		TOTAL	\$36,080.78

Requests for EMS Franchises

Community Transportation Grant Public Hearing: Karen Leonhardt, Assistant Director of Recreation, presented information on the Community Transportation Grant. They are requesting approval to apply for a \$50,000 grant for Administrative costs with a local share of 15% or \$7,500 and a \$160,000 capital grant with a local share of 10% or \$16,000. Total grant request is for \$210,000 and the local match will be \$23,500.

Chairman Cochrane opened the Community Transportation Grant Public Hearing. Being no one wishing to speak, Chairman Cochrane declared the Public Hearing closed.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Funderburk, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Community Transportation Program Resolution.

New Business: Advertised Public Hearings: Chairman Cochrane announced that this was the date, Monday, November 1, 2004 and the time, which was advertised in the *Lincoln Times-News* on Friday, October 22 and 29, 2004.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and Planning Board will hold a joint meeting and public hearings on Monday, November 1, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following matters:

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The public is invited to attend this meeting, which will be held in the Commissioners Room on the third floor of the James W. Warren Citizens Center, 115 W. Main Street, Lincolnton, N.C. For more information, contact the Department of Building and Land Development at (704) 736-8440.

Zoning Text Amendment No. 486 – Lincoln County, applicant: Randy Hawkins presented the following information concerning Zoning Text Amendment No. 486 – Lincoln County, applicant.

This is a proposal to amend Sections 10.12.1 and 10.13.1 of the Lincoln County Zoning Ordinance to add “retail sales as an accessory use with a manufacturing, assembly or distribution plant” as a permitted use by right in the General Industrial (I-G) and Light Industrial (I-L) districts.

Currently, retail sales are not listed as a permitted use in industrial districts. The thinking has been that we don’t want stores to be located in industrial areas. Under this proposed text amendment, a stand-alone store would still not be allowed, but a manufacturer could sell its products at an outlet store, or a distribution center could offer goods that have been slightly damaged.

This proposal stems from a request by Barry Matherly, Executive Director of the Lincoln Economic Development Association.

Chairman Cochrane opened the public hearing concerning Zoning Text Amendment No. 486 – Lincoln County, applicant.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Cochrane declared the public hearing closed.

Zoning Text Amendment No. 487 – Lincoln County, applicant: Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Zoning Text Amendment No. 487 – Lincoln County, applicant.

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The intent of this proposal is to enhance the appearance of neighborhoods and protect property values. The Planning Board has reviewed this proposal and agreed to submit it to a public hearing.

Currently, Lincoln County allows up to four “junked” vehicles to be kept in the open on a lot. The open storage of five or more junked vehicles is a violation of the Lincoln County Junkyard Control Ordinance. That ordinance defines a “junked” vehicle as one that does not display a current license plate and that:

- 1) is partially dismantled or wrecked, or
- 2) cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it originally was intended to move, or
- 3) is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than \$100.

Junked vehicles top the list of the types of complaints received by our department. Callers are often surprised to learn that the county allows someone to keep up to four junkers on their property. Other counties don’t allow as many.

The definition of a “junked” vehicle also presents a problem. A vehicle not only has to be unlicensed, it has to be inoperable. In investigating complaints, it is often found that what appears to be junkers can be cranked and moved, disqualifying them from counting toward the limit of four.

This proposal would rely on a different, simpler standard: whether a vehicle is registered or not. Other local governments, including the City of Lincolnton, use this same standard. (Lincolnton, for example, does not allow any unlicensed vehicle to be kept on a lot – except for an antique or hobby car that is being actively restored and kept in a rear yard, and then only one such car per lot).

Chairman Cochrane opened the public hearing concerning Zoning Text Amendment No. 487 – Lincoln County, applicant.

Doug Caldwell, 1209 Old Mill Road, stated that he has been fooling with old cars his whole life. He stated that he and his family have built \$25 million worth of houses on Old Mill Road and nobody has complained about his cars. He stated that he restores old cars and keeps some sitting around. Mr. Caldwell stated that a few months ago, county

officials came to his house to make him move a few of his junk cars to his father's property which adjoins his. He stated that he has had no complaints about his cars, only people saying they like the cars when they are completed.

Henry Kaczmarek, 406 Shoal Road, stated that he has lived in Lincoln County since 1997. He stated that he restores Corvair automobiles and having a parts car is very important. He stated that he presently has four cars on his property. Mr. Kaczmarek stated that he researched Lincoln County's regulations before moving here. He stated that the Board should find a way to accommodate hobbyists.

Doug Broome, stated that he has 4 unlicensed vehicles in his yard. He stated that it is discrimination to let someone have 10 cars as long as they have the money to build a building to keep them in. He stated that it is also discrimination because anyone can ride by his house and turn him in for having cars.

Lisa Duncan, 3536 Lakeshore Road South, stated that she has 9 cars that run and one is untagged. She stated that this is a free country and she sees that the county is moving towards a dictatorship. She stated that if you don't like look looking at junk cars, turn your head.

Mertis Godfrey, 1997 Little Mountain Road, stated that they have a business on their property. She asked how they will be affected.

Randy Hawkins stated that Mrs. Godfrey has a registered junkyard.

Mertis Godfrey stated that people that own property should be able to use their property to their benefit.

Chuck Yarbrough stated that he is 50 years old and has always had cars. He stated that he has had one car since he was 13 years old. His son also has a car that he is not to get rid of as long as he's alive. He stated that he would hate to have to get rid of these cars.

Rita Jeelani stated that a junked car is one that has no windows or tires, with rodents in it. She stated that her neighbors property has been condemned and they keep piling junked cars on the property.

Bill Davison stated that he owns property in Alexis next to Mertis Godfrey. He stated that he is against excessive legal restrictions of this kind.

Robert Blackburn stated that there is a junkyard across from him. He stated that he has lived there for 42 years. He stated that this man had 13 cars on 1/2 acre with only 2 tags.

Doug Morrison, Riverview Road, stated that this is supposed to be the land of the free. He asked how we can tell anybody what to do with their land.

Billie Nance stated that she does not see anything wrong with restoring cars, but her neighbors have junk cars. They have 9 cars presently and it makes the neighborhood look horrible.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Cochrane declared the public hearing closed.

Zoning Map Amendment No. 488 – Lincoln County, applicant: Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Zoning Map Amendment No. 488 – Lincoln County, applicant.

With the consent of the property owner, staff is proposing the rezoning of a 0.55 acre parcel from Transitional Residential (R-T) to General Business (B-G) to bring the property into conformity. Rental storage buildings are located on this lot and were in use before the Zoning Ordinance took effect.

The 0.55-acre parcel is located at the corner of Maiden Highway and Bob Cook Road in the Lincolnton Township. It is adjoined by property zoned General Business and Transitional Residential. The lot on the opposite side of Bob Cook Road was rezoned to General Business in 1998, but hasn't been developed. On the opposite side of Maiden Highway is the site of a veterinary clinic. That property was rezoned to General Business in 1995 to bring it into conformity.

Chairman Cochrane opened the public hearing concerning Zoning Map Amendment No. 488 – Lincoln County, applicant.

Sabir Jeelani, 4699 Bob Cook Road, stated that he lives across the road from these buildings. He stated that there is no place to park cars to have a car lot. He stated that something needs to be done with this congested area.

Renada Drum stated that she wants the land zoned commercial. She stated that she does not know why the land is zoned residential, because it should have been commercial to start with. The buildings have been there long before zoning.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Cochrane declared the public hearing closed.

Conditional Use Permit No. 253 – Richard and Stephanie Falls, applicant: Having been sworn by the Clerk, the following individuals presented information concerning Conditional Use Permit No. 253 – Richard and Stephanie Falls, applicant.

Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, presented the following information.

The applicants are requesting a conditional use permit to operate a day care center in the Residential Suburban (R-S) zoning district.

The 10.8-acre tract is located on the south side of Hwy. 150 about 1,400 feet west of Otis Dellinger Road in Ironton Township. It is surrounded by property zoned Residential Suburban. County water is available at this location.

Chairman Cochrane opened the public hearing concerning Conditional Use Permit No. 253 – Richard and Stephanie Falls, applicant.

Nicole Warren, stated that she is speaking on behalf of the applicants. She stated that they are wanting to put a daycare center in the community to offer care for up to 124 children, including before and after school care. The growth is large and there is a need for a daycare center in the area.

Crystal Falls stated that there is a need for quality child care in the area. This would create over 30 jobs for the community. There is a great need for child care in this area.

Tammy Hubbard stated that she lives next door to the proposed daycare. She stated that she understands the need for daycare, but opposes the daycare being built next door to her in a residential neighborhood. She questioned safety and traffic. Ms. Hubbard presented photos of houses in the area and spoke about the metal building that is planned. She voiced concerns on the septic system and runoff from this property. Ms. Hubbard stated that if the daycare is approved, she would like to request a 10' privacy fence with evergreen vegetation planted on the outside area, with the daycare being responsible for the cost and maintenance on this.

Amanda Lewis stated that she works in Pumpkin Center until 6:00 p.m. She stated that most childcare closes at 6 p.m. She stated that there are a lot of people that would benefit from this childcare facility.

David Holts, stated that he purchased the house a couple years ago, because it was a peaceful, quiet neighborhood. He stated that this would change the peace and quiet and he is concerned about property values.

Rebecca Pressley stated that she has 3 children in Lincoln County schools and there is nothing around that she would put her children in after school. She stated that this would be a benefit.

Rhonda Davis stated that she is an employee at Pumpkin Center Middle School. She stated that people need somewhere for their kids to stay.

Greg Falls stated that he bought this property to put a daycare on. He stated that everything will have child locks for safety, playgrounds will be fenced. He stated that the building will be brick faced. Mr. Falls stated that they will have extended hours. He stated that he has 4 children, one of which is a newborn and the area has a great need for a daycare.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Cochrane declared the public hearing closed.

Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning No. 109 – Hecht Development, Co., applicant:
Having been sworn by the Clerk, the following individuals presented information.

Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Parallel Conditional Use Permit No. 109 – Hecht Development, Co., applicant.

The applicant is requesting a parallel conditional use rezoning to rezone 149 acres from Residential Single-Family (R-SF) and Neighborhood Business (B-N) to Conditional Use Planned Residential (CU P-R) to permit the development of a major subdivision with 131 lots for single-family homes.

The property is located on the south side of Grassy Creek Road in Catawba Springs Township. It is adjoined by property zoned Residential Single-Family, Transitional Residential (R-T), Neighborhood Business and General Industrial. The Stonecroft subdivision is located on the opposite side of Grassy Creek Road.

Steve Shriner stated that they are proposing 131 lots on 149 acres, with 50 acres open space. Streets will be fully developed with curb and gutter. Sidewalks will be offered on the collector roadways. Open space will be left undeveloped and will be maintained by the homeowner's association. The waste will be treated by individual septic systems and will tie into the county water system. Utilities will be underground. The price point for the homes will be \$175,000 to \$225,000.

Donald Spence, with Kublins Transportation Group, stated that he was contacted by Mr. Shriner to do a Traffic Impact Study on Grassy Creek Road and Highway 16 and Highway 16 and Highway 150. He stated that there will be 1,500 to 2,000 vehicles per day on Grassy Creek Road. Forty percent of traffic will disperse to Highway 150 and the other 60% will disperse on Highway 16. Neither of these intersections will need improvements. There will be two entrances to the development.

Commissioner Anderson stated that the problem on Highway 16 is a cumulative problem. He asked what the impact of the subdivision will be on Campground Road and Highway 16 and Unity Church Road and Highway 16.

Mr. Spence stated that there may be a slight impact outside the two intersections, but traffic impact studies only study a certain range.

John Pagel, Planning Board member, asked about a right turn stacking lane on Grassy Creek Road, turning onto Highway 16.

Denise Moore stated that she lives on Sagittarius Circle and is not really pleased about this. She stated that this is a terrible intersection and no one does the speed limit on Highway 16 or Grassy Creek Road. She stated that this is an accident waiting to happen. Ms. Moore also voiced concerns that the entrance to the new development is across from the entrance to their subdivision. She asked if fire and rescue could handle an additional 131 homes.

Sam Stutts stated that he moved back from Florida due to the congestion. He stated that the intersection is very difficult and Gassy Creek Road is bad. He stated that the area has grown tremendously.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Cochrane declared the public hearing closed.

The Planning Board reconvened to the second floor balcony.

Chairman Cochrane called for a brief recess.

Chairman Cochrane called the meeting back to order.

501 (c)(3) for Lincoln County: Erma Deen Hoyle stated that several departments, including Parks & Recreation, Historic Properties, and the Library have not been able to take advantage of grant opportunities due to lack of official nonprofit, or 501 (c)(3) status.

Discussions during a meeting of the Lincoln County Recreation Commission sparked the idea of creating such an entity for Lincoln County, thus eliminating the need for each department to pursue this status. The Board of Directors for the nonprofit would be composed of one representative from the advisory boards of these departments, such as the Library Board, the Historic Properties Commission, the Recreation Commission and any others identified. Additional members (to create a board of 7 to 9) could be appointed from across Lincoln County by the Board of Commissioners.

Jeff Taylor advised that he would like to receive input from a CPA on this, but believes it is a very good idea.

It was the Board's consensus to have Jeff Taylor look over this and put it on the next agenda.

Centralina Regional SEDS Economic Strategy: Al Sharp gave a Powerpoint presentation concerning the SEDS Economic Strategy.

Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG), using a consultant, completed a Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the nine county region focusing on regional priorities that create opportunity and expand innovation.

The Regional CEDS:

- was built on the work done by seven counties
- added information for two counties to provide a regional strategy document
- identify and discuss regional strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT analysis)
- identified key regional clusters that drive the regional economy
- prioritized regional projects
- included projects in the county strategies.

The Regional CEDS Committee met three times to discuss the information that was collected and presented by the consultant, AngelouEconomics. On September 29, 2004,

the key findings and recommendations for the regional were presented at a public ceremony.

Centralina Council of Governments is asking for a resolution to endorse the Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, “**No Boundaries**”, and to authorize the designation of the Centralina Economic Commission as an economic development district as stipulated by the Economic Development Administration (EDA), the US Department of Commerce.

Chairman Cochrane asked for the Resolution to be placed on the next agenda.

Request from Lincolnton/Lincoln County Regional Airport: Jeff Lynn presented a request from the Lincolnton/Lincoln County Regional Airport for State aid to relocate a portion of Airport Drive. The Airport Authority is asking the Board of Commissioners to write a letter endorsing this project.

Commissioner Anderson stated that members of the Transportation Board have access to funds that they can spend. Judge Collier has looked at this, thinks it is a good request, and has asked the Airport Authority to send this request to him.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to send a letter to Judge Collier endorsing the Resolution.

Courthouse Security: Dennis Williams presented the Board with updated information concerning improving Courthouse security. The kiosk has been installed, but not completed. Parts of the initial security cameras have been installed. So far, \$72,584 has been spent so far. He presented a current estimate of cost for balancing cameras of \$94,941.57. The second largest component is the installation of the access control package to control movement of people in the building. The cost is \$41,857.28. The bid for the metal detectors and x-ray equipment is for \$53,256.58.

The Board discussed whether all of this security was needed or if it was excessive.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to appropriate the necessary funds for the three steps totaling \$231,150 for necessary equipment and installations.

Lincoln County Industrial Park Sewer Alternatives: Steve Gilbert stated that on September 20, 2004, the Board approved an engineering services contract with WK Dickson & Co. for the design of a sewer line to serve the Lincoln County Industrial Park. The tentative method that was chosen to serve the park was a gravity sewer line along Larkard Creek and Clark’s Creek to a City of Lincolnton manhole near Clark’s Creek Road. Letters were sent out to the property owners who may be affected by this line to let them know that surveyors would be in the area while selecting a specific route for the line.

After hearing protests from some property owners about the proposed line, some questions have come up as to the possibility of choosing another route for the sewer line. Mr. Gilbert stated that he has also received information that numerous potential sewer customers exist along the US 321 Business corridor. He stated that in response to these questions, he has requested that our engineers provide a detailed estimate and to address the feasibility of following Finger Mill Road, US 321 Business and Clark's Creek Road by using a pump station and force main. This route would be constructed almost exclusively within road right of way and would require no acquisition of private property. This alternative does include construction of a pump station capable of pumping sewage for approximately 4 miles and that anyone wishing to connect to the force main would have to use a pump of their own to make the connection.

It was the consensus of the Board to have the engineers come back with a proposal to run a gravity line for this alternative.

Commissioner Mitchem asked the Water Department to come up with a policy to be more friendly in the future.

Vacancies/Appointment: Commissioner Craig presented the following vacancies and appointments.

VACANCIES

Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee 1

Recreation Commission	Union	1
	Howards Creek	1
	Lincolnton	1
	Ironton	2

Library Board

Lincolnton	1
Mountain Island Marine Commission	1

APPOINTMENTS

Pathways Board of Directors

- Jim McIntyre

ABC Board

- Reappoint Marty Mull

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Jim McIntyre to the Pathways Board of Directors and reappoint Marty Mull to the ABC Board.

Other Business: Commissioner Craig asked for the information concerning Commissioner's salary by the next meeting.

Chairman Cochrane read a letter of excellence to our Finance Department and congratulated them for this achievement.

Commissioner Mitchem stated that he has a meeting set to discuss building a new post office in Vale.

Adjourn: UPON MOTION by Commissioner Mitchem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board

Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman