

MINUTES
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2003

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners and the Planning Board met in a joint session with the Planning Board on February 3, 2003 at the Citizens Center, Auditorium, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina at 6:30 PM.

Commissioners Present:

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

Planning Board Members Present:

Dean Lutz
Mike Baker
John Pagel
Ken Hovis
Darrell Harkey
Harold Howard Jr.
Clyde Brown

Others Present:

Stan B. Kiser, County Manager
Jeffrey A. Taylor, County Attorney
Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board
Kelly Atkins, Director of BALD
Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator
Leon Harmon, Finance Director

Call to Order: Chairman Cochrane called the February 3, 2003 meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to order. Commissioner Funderburk gave the Invocation and Commissioner Anderson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda: Chairman Cochrane presented the agenda for the Board's approval.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

AGENDA
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARINGS
FEBRUARY 3, 2003

	6:30 PM	Call to Order
1.	6:31 PM	Adoption of Agenda
2.	6:32 PM	Approval of Minutes - January 27, 2003
3.	6:35 PM	Proclamation Concerning Harlan Boyles
4.	6:40 PM	Resolution Concerning Cicely Mitchell
5.	6:45 PM	New Business/Advertised Public Hearings

ZMA #444 Gerald Henley, applicant (Parcel ID# 59082) A request to rezone five acres from Transitional Residential (R-T) to General Industrial (I-G). The property, part of an 18.5-acre parcel of land, is located on the west side of Henry Dellinger Road about 400 feet south of Hwy. 150 in Catawba Springs Township.

ZMA #445 Lincoln County, applicant (Parcel ID# 51610 and 51611) A proposal to rezone 0.93 acres from Transitional Residential (R-T) to Neighborhood Business (B-N). The property, owned by Robert Chambers, is located on the southeast corner of Buffalo Shoals Road and Ivey Church Road in Ironton Township.

ZMA #446 William and Robin Hampton, applicants (Parcel ID# 77258) A request to rezone a 1.27-acre parcel from Residential Single-Family (R-SF) to General Business (B-G). The property is located on the northeast corner of Reepsville Road and Killian Road in Howards Creek Township.

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20-acre commercial section. The property is located at Hwy. 73 and Club Drive in Catawba Springs Township.

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CUP #212 J. Rhyne Reep, applicant (Parcel ID# 57919) A request for a conditional use permit to allow a flea market to be located in the Neighborhood Business (B-N) district. The 3-acre parcel is located on the southeast corner of Reepsville Road and Alf Hoover Road in Howards Creek Township.

6.	8:15 PM	Resolution Concerning Low Interest Loans of Clean Water Funds – Steve Gilbert
7.	8:25 PM	Other Business

Adjourn

Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2003: Chairman Cochrane presented the minutes of the January 27, 2003 meeting for the Board's approval.

Commissioner Funderburk stated that on page 7, under the vote on the 321 Corridor Plan, he has listed as voting against it, but actually voted for it.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Mitchem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as amended.

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Harlan E. Boyles: **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Funderburk, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution.

Chairman Cochrane announced that this Resolution will be framed and presented to Mr. Boyles' family at the next meeting.

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF
HARLAN E. BOYLES**

WHEREAS, Harlan E. Boyles was born in Vale in western Lincoln County, North Carolina, on May 6, 1929; and

WHEREAS, as a teenager he was stricken with polio and spent a considerable period of time in medical facilities battling the disease and struggling to overcome the disabilities that resulted from it; and

WHEREAS, he obtained a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1951 and earned his license as a certified public accountant in 1955; and

WHEREAS, in 1951 he went to work for the State of North Carolina as a corporate tax auditor, beginning a career in public service that would extend for 50 years in a variety of positions; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 he was elected to the office of Treasurer of the State of North Carolina and served with distinction in this position until his retirement in January 2001; and

WHEREAS, during his years as State Treasurer, he also served as chairman of the Local Government Commission, the State Banking Commission, and the Education Facilities Financing Authority and as a member of the Council of State, the State Board of Education, and the State Board of Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS, as State Treasurer, he managed the nation's 17th largest pension fund and over \$35 billion in investments for the State, and his sound stewardship of the public funds entrusted to him in his position as State Treasurer helped North Carolina to obtain a superior bond rating (AAA) and earned him recognition throughout the United States as a highly capable and steady manager of the public purse; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement in 2001, he continued to share his expertise with his successor and other State officials in a variety of projects; and

WHEREAS, with his death on January 23, 2003, at the age of 73, Lincoln County and North Carolina have lost one of their most dedicated and distinguished public servants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, by this resolution, hereby recognizes and honors the life and career of Harlan E. Boyles.

2. That a copy of this resolution shall be permanently preserved and presented to the surviving family members of Harlan E. Boyles and spread upon the minutes of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this 3rd day of February, 2003.

LINCOLN COUNTY

By: _____

Jerry W. Cochrane
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Amy S. Long, Clerk to the
Board of Commissioners

Resolution of Appreciation to Cicely Mitchell: Chairman Cochrane presented the following Resolution to Cicely Mitchell.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners wishes to acknowledge and express its appreciation to Ms. Cicely Mitchell, former reporter for Charter Headline News;

WHEREAS, in her duties, Ms. Mitchell did report on the activities and events of Lincoln County with integrity and professionalism, delivering information on the decisions and activities of local government fairly, impartially and truthfully;

WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell showed a great respect for and knowledge of local government processes, honoring confidences and understanding the necessity of reporting information at appropriate times and with great accuracy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell was always ready to "go the extra mile" to cover a story and to keep the citizens of this area informed of the workings of their county government; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners does hereby express our deep gratitude and sincere appreciation to Cicely Mitchell and wishes her well as she travels down a new career path.

Adopted this 3rd day of February, 2003.

New Business: Advertised Public Hearings: Chairman Cochrane announced that this was the date, Monday, February 3, 2003 and the time, which was advertised in the *Lincoln Times-News* on Friday, January 24 and January 31, 2003.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and Planning Board will hold a joint meeting and public hearing on Monday, February 3, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following zoning-related matters:

ZMA #444 Gerald Henley, applicant (Parcel ID# 59082) A request to rezone five acres from Transitional Residential (R-T) to General Industrial (I-G). The property, part of an 18.5-acre parcel of land, is located on the west side of Henry Dellinger Road about 400 feet south of Hwy. 150 in Catawba Springs Township.

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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 Citizens Center, 115 W. Main Street, Lincolnton, N.C. For more information, contact the Department of Building and Land Development at (704) 736-8440.

2T: Jan. 24, Jan. 31, 2003

Zoning Map Amendment No. 444 – Gerald Henley, applicant: Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Zoning Map Amendment No. 444 – Gerald Henley, applicant.

Gerald Henley is requesting to rezone five acres from Transitional Residential (R-T) to General Industrial (I-G).

The property, part of a 18.5-acre parcel, is located on the west side of Henry Dellinger Road about 400 feet south of Hwy. 150 in the Catawba Springs Township. It is adjoined on the west by property zoned General Industrial and on the other sides by property zoned Transitional Residential.

Chairman Cochrane opened the public hearing concerning Zoning Map Amendment No. 444 – Gerald Henley, applicant.

Being no one wishing to speak, Chairman Cochrane declared the Public Hearing closed.

Zoning Map Amendment No. 445 – Lincoln County, applicant: Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Zoning Map Amendment No. 445 – Lincoln County, applicant.

The applicant is proposing to rezone 0.93 acres from Transitional Residential (R-T) to Neighborhood Business (B-N). The property, owned by Robert Chambers, is the site of a convenience store that has been in operation for many years and is grandfathered under zoning. The owner is considering building a new store building. The rezoning would bring the property into conformity with its use.

The property is located on the southeast corner of Buffalo Shoals Road and Ivey Church Road in Ironton Township. It is adjoined on all sides by property zoned Transitional Residential.

Chairman Cochrane opened the public hearing concerning Zoning Map Amendment No. 445 – Lincoln County, applicant.

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

Zoning Map Amendment No. 446 – William and Robin Hampton, applicants: Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Zoning Map Amendment No. 446 – William and Robin Hampton, applicants.

The applicants are requesting to rezone a 1.27-acre parcel from Residential Single-Family (R-SF) to General Business (B-G).

The property is located on the northeast corner of Reepsville Road and Killian Road in Howards Creek Township. It is adjoined on the east by property zoned Neighborhood Business (B-N) and on the other sides by property zoned Residential Single-Family.

Chairman Cochrane opened the public hearing concerning Zoning Map Amendment No. 446 – William and Robin Hampton, applicant.

Billy Hampton stated that he is wanting to tear the old building down and build a new one. He stated that he bought the adjoining lots from Piedmont Housing

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

Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning No. 89 – The Denver Group LLC, applicant:

Having been sworn in by the Clerk, the following individuals presented information concerning Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning No. 89 – The Denver Group LLC, applicant.

Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning No. 89 – The Denver Group LLC, applicant.

The applicant is requesting a parallel conditional use rezoning to rezone 151 acres from Transitional Residential (R-T) and Residential Single-Family (R-SF) to Planned Mixed Use (P-MU) to permit the development of a major subdivision with 211 single-family homes, 30 townhomes and a 20-acre commerical section. The property is located at Hwy. 73 and Club Drive in Catawba Springs Township.

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A traffic impact study has been done and calls for several improvements such as a turn lane.

Chairman Cochrane opened the public hearing concerning Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning No. 89 – The Denver Group LLC, applicant.

Keith Sipe stated that he has been a resident of Lincoln County for over 25 years and lives on Turnberry Lane, which will be the back entrance to the development. He asked the Board to postpone this until some concerns have been addressed, mostly the traffic issue. He stated that the Board should not approve the storage of boats and trailers adjacent to Turnberry. Mr. Sipe stated that Club Drive should be widened. He recommended that the development not be allowed to build the townhomes on Club Drive.

Don Hamby stated that he is past president of Cowans Ford Homeowner's Association. He stated that he is in favor of the development. Denver Group has been extremely cooperative and has held meetings with the Homeowner's Association. He stated that he would like to reiterate concerns about getting a stop light at Club Drive and Hwy. 73. He

stated that the speed limit along Club Drive should be lowered to 35 mph and a left turn lane should be added at Turnberry and Club Drive.

Dwight Sherrill stated that he is member of the Denver Group. Their target market for the development is empty nesters, so they should not impact schools that much. The target market will bring in a source of experience and volunteers. He stated that they have met with the homeowner's association and would like to see the mentioned traffic improvements.

Dale Schwemm stated that one of his main concerns on St. Andrews is that they need to add more width to the street. He stated that he rode around looking at developments such as the Gates, Smithstone, Sailview, and the Bluffs. He stated that they seem to have a minimum width of 22 – 24'. He asked for at least a 22' street through the whole development. He stated that there is no intent to make St. Andrews a cut through street.

Mike Hill stated that he bought this property in a cul-de-sac, because nothing could happen there and it would always be a cul-de-sac. He stated that with changes like this, it changes lifestyles. He stated that the homes should be connected directly to Hwy. 73.

Ronnie Dedmon stated that he is 1/6 owner in this property. He stated that they have moved the storage to Club Drive, where it will exit onto a straight stretch of road. He stated that they have no problem installing a stoplight at Club Drive and 73 if the state will allow them to. He also stated that he thinks a drop off lane is needed going south on Club Drive. He stated that these are all existing problems. Mr. Dedmon stated that they will ask for a 35 mph speed limit.

Dave Crawley stated that he is a homeowner on Turnberry. He stated that he just recently built his home there and there is a lot of traffic on Turnberry. There are truck tracks in his yard all the time now. He stated that a major development on a 18' wide road is dumping a huge amount of traffic on a road not designed for it. He stated that the developer needs to look for a way to take the road out to 73 and the Commissioners need to take into account the people already there.

Jim Walters stated that he is an engineer for this property. He showed the Board the distance to Highway 73 from this property.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to continue the public hearing for at least 2 more weeks.

Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning No. 90 – Paradise Lakes, applicant: Having been sworn in by the Clerk, the following individuals presented information concerning Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning No. 90 – Paradise Lakes, applicant.

Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning No. 90 – Paradise Lakes, applicant.

The applicant is requesting a parallel conditional use rezoning to rezone 249 acres from Residential Single-Family (R-SF) and RL-20 Single-Family to Planned Residential (P-R) to permit the development of a major subdivision with 333 single-family homes.

The property borders on Blades Trail, Burton Lane, Webbs Road and Sarah Drive in Catawba Springs Township. It is adjoined by property zoned Residential Single-Family, RL-20 Single-Family, RL Multi-Family, Residential Suburban and General Industrial.

Chairman Cochrane opened the public hearing concerning Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning No. 90 – Paradise Lakes LLC, applicant.

Bob MacLeod stated that he is planning to build competition grade ski lakes. There will be 300 homes in a top-end community. It will be highly restricted and similar to Sailview and Westbay. The property is not currently in the sewer district and will need to be annexed. Mr. MacLeod stated that there is 8500' of road frontage on Blades Trail. There will be 3 main entrances, one on Blades Trail, one on Burton Lane, and one on Burton Lane. The speed limit is 55 on Blades Trail, but they could petition to have it lowered to 35 mph.

Mansour Edyn stated that the project will be done in phases. He stated that there will be a new pump station. Water improvements are currently underway with the county system to provide better water pressure.

Todd Creech stated that he lives at 8004 Blades Trail. He stated that his main concern is the impact of traffic and decrease of safety. Mr. Creech said that traffic on Blades Trail would double. He asked for the developer to look at Webbs Road to receive the traffic. He requested that the Board deny this on the basis of safety.

Jack McCachern stated that this area is developing fast and the county will be faced with a lot of problems. He stated that this development could create as much as 605 additional cars on Burton Lane and Blades Trail. Mr. McCachern stated that the county will not allow school buses to pass on Blades Trail now. The roads are used regularly by walkers and bike riders. The posted speed limit is 25 mph on Blades Trail and it is a very curvy road. Mr. McCachern also voiced environmental concerns saying that there have been several sewage spills in this area. He asked the Board not to approve this until the generator at the pump station is up and running.

Tom Ferazo stated that he lives at the corner of Burton Lane and Bradford Lane. He stated that he does not mind the development, but the traffic is a concern for him.

Don Spence presented results from a traffic impact study that KUBLINS Transportation Group did.

Tommy Touchstone stated that Blades Trail is only a trail and was never meant to be a road. He stated that this is unfair to the community to have allow this traffic to be dumped on them.

Anne Michael stated that she is a resident on Blades Trail and is very concerned with what is happening here. She stated that the major thoroughfares are already bottlenecked and the area cannot handle any more traffic.

Bob Silver stated that he is a resident of Bradford Lane. He stated that he has no objections to the development, but traffic is definitely a problem. He stated that this is just asking for more problems. Mr. Silver asked the Board to do sincere work making sure the area is safe.

John Browden stated that an environmental impact study should be done before this development is considered.

Bob MacLeod stated that the sewer station will have a generator. He stated that according to DOT, the speed limit on Blades Trail is 55 mph. Mr. MacLeod stated that he feels the development will appeal to walkers and bicycles and will be a safer environment with side streets. He commented on the dam safety, stating that it will be built to state standards.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Funderburk, the Board voted unanimously to continue the public hearing.

Conditional Use Permit No. 212 – J. Rhyne Reep, applicant: Having been sworn in by the Clerk, the following individuals presented information concerning Conditional Use Permit No. 212 – J. Rhyne Reep, applicant.

Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Conditional Use Permit No. 212 – J. Rhyne Reep, applicant.

The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to allow a flea market to be located in the Neighborhood Business (B-N) zoning district.

The 3-acre parcel is located on the southeast corner of Reepsville Road and Alf Hoover Road in Howards Creek Township and includes a convenience store. It is adjoined by property zoned Residential Suburban (R-S) and Transitional Residential (R-T).

Chairman Cochrane opened the public hearing concerning Conditional Use Permit No. 212 – J. Rhyne Reep, applicant.

Rhyne Reep stated that he thought the property was already zoned for Neighborhood Business. He stated that the hours of the flea market should not be a problem or create a nuisance. He stated that he is just looking to give an outlet to people to have yard sales.

Lee Boyd stated that he has been a resident of Hoover Elmore Road for 43 years and a resident of Lincoln County for over 60 years. He stated that this flea market will be right in front of the parsonage and in front of the church. He stated that this will hurt the church. Mr. Boyd presented the Board with a petition asking them not to approve the petition.

Dan Houser stated that this is a rural community. He asked the Board to deny the request.

Nicholas King, Pastor of Reepsville Baptist Church, stated that he lives in the parsonage. He stated that the flea market is intended to be used on Saturdays, but if it went to Sundays too, it would cause problems. He stated that that the noise and trash would be substantial. Mr. King stated that he is not sure of anyone who would want to live across the road from an open air flea market.

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

The Planning Board reconvened to the 2nd floor balcony.

Chairman Cochrane called for a short recess.
Chairman Cochrane called the meeting back to order.

Resolution Concerning Low Interest Loans of Clean Water Funds: Steve Gilbert presented the following resolution for the Board's consideration. He stated that Gene Haney, with the City of Hickory, reiterates his verbal commitment to provide this water to the county. He stated that they will continue to pursue a written agreement with them.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution Concerning Low Interest Loans of Clean Water Funds.

**RESOLUTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA
FEBRUARY 3, 2003**

WHEREAS, The Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act of 1987 have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of drinking water treatment works, and/or drinking water distribution systems, and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has need for and intends to construct a drinking water project described as 19,000 LF of 12-inch water main along Cat Square Road from Reepsville Road in Lincoln County to NC 10 in Catawba County and a booster pump station, and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County intends to request State loan assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

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

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

That the Board of Commissioners agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of Lincoln County to make scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from Lincoln County any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to Lincoln County in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That Lincoln County will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the Project on completion of construction thereof.

That Stephen A. Gilbert, PE, PLS, Director of Public Utilities, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Lincoln County with the State of North Carolina for a loan to aid in the construction of the project described above.

That Stephen A. Gilbert, PE, PLS, Director of Public Utilities and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

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

Adopted this 27th day of January, 2003 at Lincoln County, North Carolina.

Jerry W. Cochrane
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lincoln does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the County of Lincoln duly held on the 27th day of January, 2003, and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of January, 2003.

Amy Long
Clerk to the Board

Other Business: Steve Gilbert presented a letter to the NC Rural Economic Development Center for a supplemental grant for water system improvements. He asked for the Board to authorize the Chairman to sign this letter.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter.

Steve Gilbert stated that Indian Creek Industrial Park has asked for the County to sign a contract with WK Dickson for an evaluation of the Indian Creek Industrial Park fire protection system. The county will be reimbursed 100% by the users of the system. The county only needs to sign the contract.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to sign the contract for the Indian Creek Industrial Park.

Leon Harmon presented bids for the telecommunications system installation at the new Lincoln County DSS Building. The lowest bid was by WynnCom at a price of \$66,738.33, but did not meet the specifications. This bid should not be accepted. The second lowest bid was from Network Cabling Systems from Charlotte at a price of \$68,732.00. He recommended award of the contract to Network Cabling Systems.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the bid of Network Cabling Systems at a price of \$68,732.00.

Commissioner Anderson asked the County Manager to determine what would be involved in electing Commissioners by district. He asked if he could have this ready by

the 1st meeting in March. It was the consensus of the Board to have Mr. Kiser look into this.

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

Amy S. Long, Clerk
Board of Commissioners

Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman
Board of Commissioners