

MINUTES
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2003

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners and the Planning Board met in a joint session with the Planning Board on May 5, 2003 at the Citizens Center, Commissioner's Room, 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:

Mike Baker
John Pagel
Ken Hovis
Darrell Harkey
Harold Howard Jr.
Terry Whitener
Gerald Johnson

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 May 5, 2003 meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to order. Commissioner Funderburk gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with the addition of the DSS Change Order.

AGENDA

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

MAY 5, 2003

- 6:30 PM Call to Order
1. 6:31 PM Adoption of Agenda
2. 6:32 PM Approval of Minutes
- April 3, 2003 Work Session with Planning Board
 - April 21, 2003 Regular Meeting
3. 6:35 PM New Business/Advertised Public Hearings

ZMA #453 Bill Bridges, applicant (Parcel ID# 00666 and 15546)
A request to rezone 2.2 acres from Neighborhood Business (B-N) to General Business (B-G). The property is located on the southeast corner of Maiden Highway and Springs East Road in Lincolnton Township.

ZMA #454 Lincoln County, applicant (Parcel ID# 70459 and 70460) A proposal to rezone approximately 0.9 acres from General Business (B-G) to General Industrial (I-G). The property is part of Lots #5 and #6 in Ross Industrial Park located off Hwy. 27 East in Ironton Township.

ZMA #455 Barry Carpenter and B.F. Gantt, applicants (Parcel ID# 10600 and 10819) A request to rezone 5.75 acres from Residential Single-Family (R-SF) to Rural Residential (R-R). The property is located about 400 feet southeast of the intersection of Tower Road and Fairview School Road in North Brook Township.

PCUR #93 Becky Kowaleski, applicant (Parcel ID# 13502) A request for a parallel conditional use rezoning to rezone approximately 1.75 acres from Residential Single-Family (R-SF) to Residential Suburban (R-S) to permit the placement of a Class E (singlewide) mobile home. The property is part of a 6.7-acre parcel located at 4753 Lama Lane in Howards Creek Township.

CUP #216 Cain Hallman and Luke Hallman, applicants (Parcel ID# 79875) A request for a conditional use permit to allow an outdoor recreation facility, a golf ball driving range, to be located

in the Residential Single-Family (R-SF) district. The 19-acre parcel is located on the south side of West Highway 27, about a half mile west of Flay Road, in Howards Creek Township.

CUP #217 CJ's Paintball Inc., applicant (Parcel ID# 14489) A request for a conditional use permit to allow an outdoor recreation facility, paintball fields, to be located in the Residential Single-Family (R-SF) district. The 106-acre parcel is located on the east side of Killian Road, about a half mile north of Reepsville Road, in Howards Creek Township.

4. 7:20 PM Public Hearing – Order Authorizing \$1,800,000 Refunding Bonds
5. 7:30 PM Resolution Supporting the Creation of an Economic Development Capital Improvement Fund for the Lincoln Economic Development Association – Lincoln Economic Development Association
6. 7:40 PM Proclamation for 2003 Business Appreciation Week – May 11 – 17, 2003 – Lincoln Economic Development Association
7. 7:45 PM N. C. Governor's Highway Safety Program Local Government Resolution - Sheriff Barbara Pickens
8. 7:55 PM Recommendations on Future Working Space Needs for County Employees – Jeff Vernon
9. 8:05 PM Update on STAG Program Funding Request – Steve Gilbert
10. 8:15 PM Maximus Contract – Leon Harmon
11. 8:25 PM Other Business

Adjourn

Approval of Minutes – April 3, 2003 and April 21, 2003: Chairman Cochrane presented the minutes of the April 3, 2003 and April 21, 2003 minutes for the Board's approval.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Michem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

New Business: Advertised Public Hearings: Chairman Cochrane announced that this was the date, Monday, May 5, 2003 and the time, which was advertised in the *Lincoln Times-News* on Friday, April 25, 2003 and May 2, 2003.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and Planning Board will hold a joint meeting and public hearings on Monday, May 5, 2003, 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 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 Map Amendment No. 453 – Bill Bridges, applicant: Randy Hawkins presented the following information concerning Zoning Map Amendment No. 453 – Bill Bridges, applicant.

The applicant is requesting to rezone two parcels totaling 2.2 acres from Neighborhood Business (B-N) to General Business (B-G). An auto sales lot and an auto repair shop are located on the front parcel. Both uses are grandfathered. (An auto sales lot requires a conditional use permit in the B-N district, and an auto repair shop isn't allowed.) The rezoning would bring the front parcel into conformity. The applicant also wants to

relocate the sales lot office to the rear parcel while continuing to use the front parcel to display cars.

The property is located on the southeast corner of Maiden Highway and Springs East Road. It is adjoined on the east and north by property zoned Neighborhood Business and on the south and west by property zoned Transitional Residential (R-T). Property zoned General Business (B-G) lies about 400 feet to the north.

Chairman Cochrane reopened the public hearing concerning Zoning Map Amendment No. 453 – Bill Bridges, applicant.

Bill Bridges stated that he would like the zoning changed to what it is being used for. The use was grandfathered in, but he wants to put it into compliance with what it's being used for.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Cochrane declared the Public Hearing closed.

Zoning Map Amendment No. 454 – Lincoln County, applicant: Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Zoning Map Amendment No. 454 – Lincoln County, applicant.

The county is proposing to rezone approximately 0.9 acres from General Business (B-G) to General Industrial (I-G). The property is part of two lots, the remainder of which is already zoned General Industrial.

The lots are located in Ross Industrial Park off Highway 27 East in Ironton Township. They are adjoined by property zoned General Industrial and General Industrial.

Chairman Cochrane opened the Public Hearing concerning Zoning Map Amendment No. 454 – Lincoln County, applicant.

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

Zoning Map Amendment No. 455 – Barry Carpenter and B. F. Gantt, applicant: Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Zoning Map Amendment No. 455 – Barry Carpenter and B. F. Gantt, applicant.

The applicants are requesting to rezone 5.75 acres from Residential Single-Family (R-SF) to Rural Residential (R-R).

The property is located about 400 feet southeast of the intersection of Tower Road and Fairview School Road in North Brook Township. It is adjoined on the north by property zoned Residential Single-Family and to the south by property zoned Rural Residential (R-R).

Chairman Cochrane opened the public hearing concerning Zoning Map Amendment No. 455 – Barry Carpenter and B. F. Gantt, applicant.

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

Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning No. 93 – Becky Kowaleski, applicant: Having been sworn by the Clerk, the following individuals presented information concerning Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning No. 93 – Becky Kowaleski, applicant.

Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning No. 93 – Becky Kowaleski, applicant.

The applicant is requesting a parallel conditional use rezoning to rezone approximately 1.75 acres from Residential Single-Family (R-SF) to Residential Suburban (R-S) to permit the placement of a Class E (singlewide) mobile home. A Class E mobile home is one that doesn't meet the new appearance requirements but was located in Lincoln County prior to the adoption of the new rules.

The property is part of a 6.7-acre parcel located at 4753 Lama Lane in the Howards Creek Township. It is surrounded by property zoned Residential Single-Family. The area includes some existing mobile homes. The 1.75 acres would be subdivided from the southeast section of the parcel as part of a family subdivision.

Chairman Cochrane opened the public hearing concerning Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning No. 93 – Becky Kowaleski, applicant.

Becky Kowaleski stated that she is from West Lincoln and has a total of 8.9 acres. She stated that their daughter owns a mobile home and wants to place it on this land. There is only family there and no one will be able to see the mobile home. They lived down a dirt road and have no neighbors close.

Wesley Kevin Neal stated that he currently lives in Crouse, but is trying to have this property rezoned so he can move there.

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

Conditional Use Permit No. 216 – Cain and Luke Hallman, applicant: Having been sworn by the Clerk, the following individuals presented information.

Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Conditional Use Permit No. 216 – Cain and Luke Hallman, applicant.

The applicants are requesting a Conditional Use Permit to allow an outdoor recreation facility, a golf ball driving range, to be located in the Residential Single-Family (R-SF) district.

The 19-acre parcel is located on the south side of Highway 27 West, about a half mile west of Flay Road, in Howards Creek Township. It is surrounded by property zoned Residential Single-Family.

Randy Hawkins stated that he received a call from the Ms. Hedrick, speaking on behalf of the Sain Estate. Ms. Hedrick stated that it is best to leave the property zoned residential and it is not in the best interest of the estate to be a golf driving range.

Chairman Cochrane opened the public hearing concerning Conditional Use Permit No. 216 – Cain Hallman and Luke Hallman, applicant.

Becky Kowaleski stated that she was raised around the Crouse/West Lincoln area. The area is very important to her family. She spoke on behalf of this request, saying that this will give people in this area something to do.

Cain Hallman stated that he is a graduate of West Lincoln High School. He is wanting to develop a golf driving range for all ages that is safe, friendly, and family-oriented. He stated that he would like to give back to the community. This is a good location and is close to West Lincoln High School. They will no longer have to travel out of county for a driving range for the golf team. Mr. Hallman stated that there will be a wood or metal clubhouse building, with glass on one side for people to look out and watch their children. The range will take up 9 – 10 of the 19 acres. The range will only be used during daytime hours at this point. There will be berm lighting to prevent lighting pollution.

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

Conditional Use Permit No. 217 – CJ's Paintball, Inc., applicant: Having been sworn by the Clerk, the following individuals presented information.

Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Conditional Use Permit No. 217 – CJ's Paintball, Inc., applicant.

The applicants are requesting a Conditional Use Permit to allow an outdoor recreation facility, paintball fields, to be located in the Residential Single Family (R-SF) district.

The 106-acre parcel is located on the east side of Killian Road, about a half mile north of Reepsville Road, in Howard's Creek Township. It is surrounded by property zoned Residential Single-Family.

Chairman Cochrane opened the public hearing concerning Conditional Use Permit No. 217 – CJ's Paintball Inc., applicant.

Nelson Grant stated that he lives right across the road from this property. He moved here about a year ago and likes that it is quiet and not much traffic. He stated that the

area around him is limited to stick built homes over 1,400 square feet. Mr. Grant stated that he is opposed to this Conditional Use Permit. His concerns are traffic, litter, noise, and change in the neighborhood and atmosphere.

Wade Sain stated that he owns 30 acres adjacent to this property. He bought this piece of land because it is his dream place to build a house. He has a mobile home there and rented to tenants that moved there from East Lincoln. He told them that it was a quiet neighborhood with low traffic, and that is why they rented there. Mr. Sain stated that if this is approved, he will lose some income.

Ken Duvall, Manager of CJ's Paintball in Cornelius spoke concerning the paintball facilities run by CJ's. Paintball is a family oriented sport. The balls can travel 200 feet. The field will only be used where the wooded area starts. Once or twice a year there will be tournaments where the whole site will be used. He stated that the guns do not make very loud sounds.

Candace Jackson stated that she lives in Cornelius and owns CJ's Paintball. This is family oriented and has very strict rules. They have very high liability insurance. There is a 10 year age limit for the paintball. She has spoken with the neighbors. Once a year, they plan on hosting a tournament, which will require 4 – 6 fields.

William Hampton stated that he talked with the property owner today, Jim Carmichael. He stated that they have good property values now, low crime, and low traffic. He can see no benefit from this paintball facility.

Max Field stated that he is from Mecklenburg County and CJ's is one of the most popular paintball facilities. He stated that plays there with his family.

Wade Sain asked if he will have to provide face masks to tenants if paintballs travel 200 feet.

Bobbi Gantt stated that she feels this would be unsafe for everybody. They could possibly have up to 4 tournaments there each year with 400 people. She stated that she is concerned about the sounds this will generate. Ms. Gantt stated that she is against this and would like to keep it residential and family.

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 brief recess.
Chairman Cochrane called the meeting back to order.

Public Hearing – Order Authorizing \$1,800,000 Refunding Bonds: UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board order introduced on April 21, 2003 entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$1,800,000 REFUNDING BONDS", was placed upon its adoption. The voted was unanimous.

The Chairman then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$1,800,000 REFUNDING BONDS" had been adopted.

The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners was thereupon directed to publish said order, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in the Lincoln Times News.

Thereupon, the Chairman introduced the following resolution which was read by title and summarized by the Finance Director:

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO SELL REFUNDING BONDS
AT PRIVATE SALE WITHOUT ADVERTISEMENT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to an order adopted on May 5, 2003, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lincoln has authorized the issuance of not exceeding \$1,800,000 Refunding Bonds (the "Bonds") for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the County in order to achieve debt service savings; and

WHEREAS, due to the relatively small issue size of the Bonds and based upon the advice of its financial advisor, the Board has determined that the costs of a public sale of the Bonds outweigh the advantages thereof and that the sale of Bonds at private sale without advertisement is in the best interests of the County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lincoln:

Section 1: The Local Government Commission of North Carolina is hereby requested to approve the sale of the Bonds at private sale without advertisement.

Section 2: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Funderburk, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the foregoing resolution was passed unanimously.

Resolution Supporting the Creation of an Economic Development Capital Improvement Fund for the Lincoln Economic Development Association: UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF AN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE LINCOLN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Lincoln County to encourage and support economic development by expanding existing industry and recruiting new industry; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has made significant investments in new infrastructure improvements to retain and attract industry; and

WHEREAS, a predictable, long-term source of funds is needed to develop and implement a strategic capital improvement plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners fully support the creation of an Economic Development Capital Improvement Fund (“the fund”) with the following components:

- 1) The fund will be capitalized with new tax monies generated by new or expanded companies that are assisted by the Lincoln Economic Development Association (LEDA).
- 2) If incentive grants are approved for the company, the fund will receive only the remainder of new tax monies after subtracting the incentive grant.
- 3) The fund will receive new tax monies for the first six taxable years of the company.
- 4) Fund monies will be kept by Lincoln County in a separate account that shall be used for only economic development projects as planned and implemented by LEDA.
- 5) LEDA will be required to submit receipts to Lincoln County to receive payment for capital improvement projects.

Approved this 5th day of May, 2003

Jerry Cochrane, Chairman
Lincoln County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Amy S. Long, Clerk

2003 Business Appreciation Week: UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2003 Business Appreciation Week Proclamation.

Proclamation
2003 Business Appreciation Week
May 11 – 17, 2002

WHEREAS, the County of Lincoln is pleased to have a thriving base of business and industry to support the local economy; and

WHEREAS, these companies provide essential employment opportunities for the citizens of the County of Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, these companies provide local revenues from which the entire citizenry benefit; and

WHEREAS, businesses make considerable contributions to our families and communities, often improving the overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and appreciate these businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, do hereby recognize our existing businesses and by virtue of this proclamation give notice to our citizens that the week of May 11 – 17, 2003 is Business Appreciation Week in the County of Lincoln.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of May 2003.

Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Amy S. Long, Clerk
Board of Commissioners

NC Governor's Highway Safety Program – Local Government Resolution: Sheriff Barbara Pickens stated that the original grant gave the county 2 officers, 1 car, and equipment. Sheriff Pickens stated that she would like to apply for a second car for the second officer from the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program for the 321 Connection Traffic Safety Team. There is an amendment to the original resolution that needs to be approved by the Board. The additional local match will be \$7,924.50 and will be taken out of her current budget.

Sheriff Pickens stated that her department bought their new patrol cars from Cornelius Willingham at Town Square Ford, at less than state contract. The cars were delivered to the Sheriff's Department instead of having to pick them up from Raleigh.

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

Recommendation of Future Working Space Needs for County Employees: Jeff Vernon presented recommendations of future working space needs for county employees from the Facility Space Analysis Team.

In addressing the County's future working space needs as you directed, the team has come up with the following recommendations.

Long term: (by 2013)

- Facts:***
1. The county currently spends \$128,256 annually for about 29,788 sq. ft. of leased space.
 2. It is estimated that county staff will increase by about 177 people by the year 2013.

Recommendation: To eliminate as much of the leased area as possible while still providing sufficient space for current and future employees (including school administration), the county should build or otherwise create approximately 130,000 sq. ft. of additional owned space by the year 2013. One suggestion has been to construct either a single building or a complex of multiple buildings that house interrelated departments. With the elimination of leased space and grouping of similar departments, this new facility should house the Register of Deeds, Tax Department (including GIS & Reappraisal), MIS, Building & Land Development, Public Works, and County Administration. This would also free up space in the Citizens Center for Court Services, which would eliminate another lease. It has been estimated that it will cost roughly \$21 million to build a 130,000 square ft. building in 2013. With this goal in mind, the county should immediately begin appropriation of funds into the "Facilities" line of the Capital Improvement Program for the recommended 2013 construction.

Short term: (within the next 1 – 5 years)

- Facts:***
1. Although we know how much area each facility has, we don't know how that space is being used or if other concerns are - directly or indirectly - tied to the use of space.
 2. Technology may help to reduce our workspace needs.
 3. Once DSS moves into their new building, the annex could be ceded back to the School Board for their ESL Program.
 4. Home Health and Environmental Health could be moved into the Health Dept. building.
 5. Other immediate fixes may present themselves as departments are moved around.

Recommendation: In an effort to reduce current costs before a new building is constructed, the county's current facilities should be evaluated to ensure that each space is being used as effectively as possible. Through better organization and consolidation, it may be that more area can be found in our existing facilities. In addition, an assessment of technological capabilities may point up some obvious solutions to customer service problems that may be due more to inconvenience than to workspace. For example, a website for each department could make services more accessible to citizens, especially with public computers available at each library branch. This would increase service capabilities without increasing staff levels or workspace. During the evaluation recommended above, meetings should be held with department heads to address the needs of their departments as well as the changing needs of their customers. For example, it has been noted that the overcrowding of the courthouse is a major security concern for the Sheriff's department. That may mean that moving other departments completely out of the courthouse may be more beneficial than just finding them more space where they are.

Update on STAG Program Funding Request: Steve Gilbert gave an update on the request for funding for the NC 73 water line project. The county requested STAG (State and Tribal Assistance Grant) funding for the project through Congressman Ballenger's

office. The cost estimate for the project is \$4,323,000. The project consists of approximately 50,000 linear feet of 16-inch water line and includes an elevated storage tank and a booster pump station. During the week of April 21, Ms. Roberta Hood, from Cass Ballenger's office, told him that they have requested \$500,000 for this project. The results of this grant will be announced in the fall for FY 2004 grants.

Maximus Contract: Leon Harmon, Finance Director, presented a contract from Maximus to complete the indirect cost plan for the next three years. The indirect cost plan is used primarily to receive additional reimbursement for Department of Social Services programs. Several years ago, the State DSS promoted the use of Maximus as a way of maximizing federal reimbursement, and this has worked well. Maximus also provides some of the DSS reporting software that is furnished by the State and used by our DSS. Maximus also has prepared our EMS annual Medicaid report under a separate contract for the last several years.

The contract amount is the same as the last two years.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with Maximus.

DSS Change Order: Dennis Williams presented a change order for the new DSS facility. The changes are as follows:

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| • The Lift Station Addition | \$12,276.69 |
| • The Additional Asphalt Thickness for Parking Lot | \$31,738.40 |
| • The Flag Pole and Lighting | \$ 6,370.11 |

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| Total Change Order Proposed Amount | \$50,385.20 |
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- Dennis Williams stated that the lift station addition is needed because the sewer line installation has become too deep to allow it to be tapped into the sewer main on East Main Street, the way it was originally designed. The manhole is approximately 1 foot shallower than indicated by the City drawings and there is a bundle of utilities and other items along the highway that make it nearly impossible to tap the manhole. There are also problems with the manhole on East Main Street. It tends to back up water because of the numerous restaurants without grease interceptors that are located along this sewer main.

Because of all these issues and the problems that have been encountered by the plumber, they have requested the installation of a sewer lift station. The lift station would be located in an island in the parking lot at the left hand front of the building, where the sewer main exiting the building intersects the island.

- The quote on the parking lot is to add asphalt thickness to the parking lot. The parking lot was originally specified to be resurfaced with one inch of asphalt over the existing lot. At areas where the lot subsurface was to be removed, the area was to be replaced with eight inches of stone base and one and one-half inches of asphalt base, plus the topping.

The asphalt sub-contractor has indicated that he believes the lot will break up based on the condition of the existing lot surface with the application of only one inch of asphalt. The quote is to increase the thickness of the asphalt over the entire lot to either 1 ½" or 2" of asphalt throughout the entire area.

- DSS has requested the installation of a flag pole in the grassed area near Main Street, near the monument sign for the project.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the change orders as presented.

Dennis Williams stated that he is expecting completion by the 15th of August.

Other Business: Amy Long, Clerk to the Board, announced that Karen Andrews, Director of Pathways, has scheduled a meeting on May 21 from 3 to 5. The meeting will be to give the Gaston, Lincoln, and Cleveland County Board of Commissioners an update on the Local Business Plan.

Chairman Cochrane announced that the budget presentation will be at the meeting on May 19. He suggested Tuesday, June 3 for a budget work session. This meeting will start at 3.

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

Amy S. Long, Clerk
Board of Commissioners

Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman
Board of Commissioners