

**MINUTES
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2002**

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on December 16, 2002 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
Larry S. Craig, Vice-Chairman
Thomas R. Anderson, PE
Carrol D. Mitchem
Buddy Funderburk

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 December 16, 2002 meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to order and welcomed everyone present.

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 removing Items 8 and 9.

AGENDA

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 16, 2002

	7:30 PM	Call to Order
1.	7:30 PM	Adoption of Agenda
2.	7:32 PM	Approval of Minutes - December 2, 2002
3.	7:35 PM	Consent Agenda - Tax Requests for Releases Less than \$100 – October 16 – November 15, 2002 More than \$100 – October 16 – November 15, 2002 - Tax Requests for Refunds

Less than \$100 – October 19 – November 16, 2002
More than \$100 – October 19 – November 16, 2002

- Budget Adjustments 39-40
- Sponsored Group Status for Auditorium
 - Fellowship Baptist Church
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Mt. Olin Church
 - Young's Chapel Church of God in Christ Jesus
- Additional HCCBG Funds for Lincoln County

4. 7:40 PM Public Comments
5. 7:55 PM Recommendations from Planning Board – Randy Hawkins
ZMA #439 – Tommy Engle, applicant
CUP #110 – AT&T Wireless, applicant
6. 8:05 PM ABC Interlocal Agreement – Mike Baker
7. 8:15 PM Environmental Health Fees – Maggie Dollar
8. 8:25 PM Home Health Annual Report and Service Area – Maggie
Dollar
9. 8:35 PM Report on Foreclosures – Jeff Taylor
10. 8:45 PM Public Works Capital Project Report – Steve Gilbert
11. 8:55 PM Finance Officer's Report
12. 9:05 PM Vacancies
13. 9:10 PM Appointments
14. 9:15 PM Calendar
15. 9:20 PM County Commissioners' Report
16. 9:25 PM County Manager's Report
17. 9:30 PM County Attorney's Report
18. 9:35 PM Other Business

Adjourn

Approval of Minutes – December 2, 2002: Chairman Cochrane presented the minutes of the December 2, 2002 meeting for the Board's approval.

Commissioner Funderburk asked for verification of the Planning Board members present, due to conflicting numbers on paperwork.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Funderburk, the Board voted unanimously to approve the December 2, 2002 minutes with the verification of Planning Board members present.

Consent Agenda: Chairman Cochrane presented the consent agenda for the Board's approval.

TAX RELEASES

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Armstrong, Timothy Michael	2002	0134097	\$ 270.56
Carpenter, Ernest Common	2002	0162998	\$ 197.44
Cash, William Dennis	2002	0066443	\$ 128.31
Covington, Dawn Truitt	2002	0162699	\$ 263.73
Crane Trucking Inc.	2002	0141028	\$ 374.16
Davidson, Russell Allen	2001/02	0062651	\$ 123.45
Denver Equipment Co. Inc.	2002	0088230	\$ 113.33
Gantt, Benjamin Matha	2002	0070017	\$ 354.34
Hartzell, Mickey Durand	2002	0162121	\$ 273.76
Kincaid, Bryan Matthew	2002	0161551	\$ 197.06
Leathermon, Gary James Jr.	2002	0162259	\$ 162.37
Mozeley, Ray Christopher Jr.	2002	0082162	\$ 178.72
Oxford, Deborah Bryant	2002	0137763	\$ 141.21
Park N Shop Inc.	2002	0096224	\$ 153.87
Rash, Peggy Peyseur	2002	0109186	\$ 249.10
Sims, Shanda Campbell	2002	0161458	\$ 171.92
Sisk, Susan Amy	2002	0163028	\$ 206.27
Vowell, Penny Welch	2002	0147130	\$ 132.52
Wolgemuth, Lance Wade	2002	0155420	\$ 245.91
		TOTAL	\$ 3,938.03

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Abernathy, Bailey Michael	2002	0077225	\$ 6.38
Akers, Paul Carroll	2002	0099358	\$ 7.05
Alexander, Celestine Avis	2002	0078268	\$ 25.73
Arrowood, Casey Todd	2001	0100899	\$ 84.65
Badeaux, Edward Marshall	2002	0159586	\$ 12.24
Banik, Richard Jason	2002	0153263	\$ 82.32
Bates, Joe M.	2002	05844	\$ 54.51

Baucom, Charlie Bradford Sr.	2002	0103731	\$ 16.33
Beaver, Stanley	2002	00836	\$ 25.73
Berg, Lyle Osborne	2002	0071342	\$ 19.93
Bolanos, Luis	2002	0113026	\$ 17.71
Brown, Patricia M.	2002	0103857	\$ 43.11
Chapman, David Scott	2002	0099076	\$ 66.13
Chaves, Mario Morales	2002	0123405	\$ 12.22
Clark, Steven F.	2002	0114622	\$ 6.66
Clayborn, Gary Macons	2002	0161937	\$ 61.96
Cloninger, Robert Truman	2002	0109925	\$ 58.98
Cloninger, Tammy Annette	2000	0095339	\$ 75.23
Coffey, Ronald H.	2002	12123	\$ 1.77
Craig, Robert Teague	2002	0108652	\$ 48.98
Creech, James Steven	2002	0137331	\$ 68.18
Cudd, Christopher Michael	2002	0151602	\$ 11.65
David Clark DBA	2002	0121732	\$ 9.47
Davis, Kevin Howard	2002	0067647	\$ 53.67
Davis, Michael Allen	2001	0156837	\$ 52.60
Detmers, Fritz	2002	0130068	\$ 15.71
Dobson, Suzanne Elizabeth	2002	0130845	\$ 9.69
Duggan, Patrick M.	2002	0114643	\$ 45.71
Durham, Beth Renee	2002	0093463	\$ 33.99
Early, Russell L. & Carla T.	2002	29593	\$ 23.88
Engle, Ronnie Darrell	2002	0082159	\$ 12.46
Ervin, Jason Andrew	2002	0079484	\$ 13.80
Estridge, Timothy H.	2002	0140536	\$ 52.48
Farmer, Charlotte Rhyne	2002	0154789	\$ 4.02
Fregerg, James H.	2002	0147388	\$ 77.70
Friday, Angelica Latitia	2002	0105967	\$ 36.67
Gary Templin & Associates	2002	0162852	\$ 12.46
Grant, John Paul	2002	13703	\$ 68.09
Hagens, Diane Boback	2002	0143630	\$ 37.82
Hammiel, Joseph Richard	2002	0100842	\$ 25.02
Hartsoe, Jerry K.	2002	02026	\$ 15.23
Hawkins Modular Home Sets	2002	0149574	\$ 2.36
Haynes, Robert Lee Jr.	2002	0079428	\$ 34.55
Heater Utilities Inc.	2002	0136827	\$ 48.46
Henderson, Jonas Levon	2002	0064937	\$ 10.28
Hines, John E. Sr.	2002	06832	\$ 3.52
Horton, Lora Diane	2002	0140769	\$ 70.69
Howard, Horace G. Sr.	2002	0128759	\$ 21.55
Howard, Patricia Owensby	2002	0139628	\$ 72.68

Huskey, Thomas Earl Jr.	2002	0104886	\$ 85.70
Johnson, Eric Richard	2002	0125691	\$ 20.71
Keener, Thomas F.	2001/02	0135429	\$ 88.40
Key Dental Prosthetics Inc.	2002	0158264	\$ 27.43
Killian, Brennan Scott	2002	0124886	\$ 23.33
King, Matthew David	2002	0162192	\$ 12.52
Law, Mary Beth	2002	0161468	\$ 46.84
Lawing, Gary Lester	2002	15272	\$ 78.08
Leon, Gustavo	2002	0154983	\$ 12.39
Liles, James Wesley	2002	0123494	\$ 50.99
Locklair, Baron David Jr.	2002	16099	\$ 7.50
Lopez, Christian Mora	2002	0119857	\$ 84.07
Lopez, Gabriel Moreno	2002	0102892	\$ 15.46
Lowman, Phillip M.	2002	03902	\$ 30.15
Macleod Construction	2002	0103320	\$ 38.32
Marshall, Sherry Walker	2001	0118872	\$ 40.23
Martin, Edwin Lee	2002	0105234	\$ 12.26
Martin, Robert Blanton	2002	0102345	\$ 19.11
Martinez, Jason	2002	0156122	\$ 12.63
Mashburn, Pamela Grace	2002	0091713	\$ 6.57
McMillion, Alan D.	2002	0150627	\$ 10.34
Mintz, William David	2002	0079246	\$ 72.92
Moore, Michael Craig	2002	0075798	\$ 32.19
Morris, Sudie Belle	2002	0118761	\$ 69.22
Morrow, Lynn Warren	2002	0070630	\$ 10.33
Mosteller, Craig	2002	0122123	\$ 12.11
Mungro, Sherron Geneva	2002	0147603	\$ 80.24
Nelson, Harriette Swanson	2002	0154283	\$ 74.02
O'Brien, Beverly J.	2002	0135852	\$ 29.99
Pace, Susan Cook	2001	0143512	\$ 14.72
Parker, Marie Stamey	2002	0071831	\$ 58.05
Perez, Juan Manuel	2001/02	0142943	\$ 20.24
Pittman, Earl Jr.	2002	0069551	\$ 21.21
Plummer, David Anthony	2002	0103232	\$ 22.69
Poole-Propst, Robert Bradley	2002	0153318	\$ 3.93
Powell, Elizabeth Wise	2002	46611	\$ 13.16
Power, Julie Lynn	2002	0159824	\$ 62.44
Price, Ashely A.	2002	0131892	\$ 17.91
Prime Time Investments Inc.	2002	0124195	\$ 44.00
Propst, David Hoke	2002	0110504	\$ 52.74
Radius Motorsports Inc.	1999	0065595	\$ 50.60
Red, Marion Lane Jr.	2001/02	0079954	\$ 97.22

Reese, William Samson	2002	0140192	\$ 69.12
Rhodes, John Rankin	2002	0078489	\$ 41.81
Richardson, Kimberly Lail	2002	0155195	\$ 26.13
Rogers, David K.	2002	0123139	\$ 17.40
Ruggles, Andrew Leslie	2002	0162764	\$ 54.87
Sain, Corey Reid	2002	0125100	\$ 53.43
Smith, Terry Lee	2002	0155825	\$ 15.41
Spender, Carroll Samuel	2002	0071042	\$ 12.12
Stroud, Reginald A.	2002	20951	\$ 16.20
Swafford, Sandy Scott	2002	0119026	\$ 10.30
Towery, Gregory Lee	2002	0071945	\$ 17.12
Villanueva, Ignacio Yepez	2002	0155096	\$ 14.96
Warlick, Jack Albert	2002	0072656	\$ 65.61
White, Elias	2002	0161524	\$ 18.98
Williamson, Robert Guy Sr.	2002	0089746	\$ 32.83
Wolfe, Carl Bagley Jr.	2002	0144818	\$ 17.54
Zuo, Qixin	2002	0144019	\$ 15.90
		TOTAL	\$3,754.70

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Bailey, James Lee	2002	0151862	\$ 385.90
Baxter, Kenneth Frank Jr.	2002	32170	\$ 2,590.83
BCS Septic Services Inc.	2001	0148117	\$ 737.00
Black, Penny	2002	0128154	\$ 295.65
Brittain, Jill C. (Willis)	2002	01505	\$ 225.24
Brooks, Tim	2002	0162458	\$ 147.40
Buddy Chaney Septic Service	2002	0129985	\$ 184.25
Carter, Harold J.	2002	0161823	\$ 115.33
Corriher, T. F. Jr.	2002	03216	\$ 3,221.34
Galow, Craig	2002	0163186	\$ 162.36
Gilbert, Jerry Paul Sr.	2002	03929	\$ 458.51
Hicks, Alonzo	1992-95	37190	\$ 877.38
Ingle, William E.	2002	0153006	\$ 138.00
Lambert, Patricia D.	1993-02	15025	\$ 182.85
Lee Scott Racing Enterprises	2002	0140494	\$ 122.55
Lincolnton First Wesleyan Ch	2002	0154021	\$ 1,201.87
Long, Alvin Lewis	2002	03873	\$ 266.08
Ownes, Willie Alger Jr.	2002	0141883	\$ 403.96
Parker, Rex Bradley	2002	0072437	\$ 3,153.82
Perks Garage	2001/02	25766	\$ 137.07
Rhodes & Beal Oil Co	1998	0061681	\$ 106.24
Speagle, Nancy Anne	2000-02	0104035	\$ 222.62
Stamey, C. A.	2002	15904	\$ 422.01

Viking Technology Inc.	2001	0151290	\$ 4,640.38
Wehunt, J. C. & Sons	2002	26313	\$ 473.91
Wells Fargo Financial Lease	2002	0151276	\$ 2,584.68
		TOTAL	\$23,457.23

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Allen, David	2002	0163097	\$ 61.80
Beal, Clarence L.	2002	0146770	\$ 69.00
Bivens, Maebell Canipe	2000-02	37476	\$ 20.90
Blake, Anthony Roland	1996/98	0098184	\$ 57.92
Bostic, Mary Delores	2002	48767	\$ 18.27
Carpenter, Mark A.	2002	0151171	\$ 41.84
Charland, Mike	2002	0163118	\$ 97.42
Gilbert, Flint Harlen	2002	13407	\$ 5.25
Hall, Phillip	2002	0162469	\$ 22.25
Martin, John F.	2002	07560	\$ 50.37
McCurry, Kenneth M.	2002	0109656	\$ 38.67
Nixon, Pat M.	2002	18998	\$ 23.12
Proctor, James Allen	2002	0085535	\$ 73.89
Rhodes & Beal Oil Co (Blanton)	1999	0061686	\$ 32.75
Rhodes & Beal Oil Co (Country)	2001	0061687	\$ 75.19
Rhodes & Beal Oil Co (Market)	1999-01	0061691	\$ 62.15
Roberts, Mike	2002	0148134	\$ 32.58
Smith, Mary Scoates (Heirs of)	1999-02	0103555	\$ 56.81
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	2002	0151274	\$ 48.98
Wilson, Joseph R.	2002	0161840	\$ 18.73
		TOTAL	\$ 907.88

LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT
ANNUALS

REQUEST FOR REFUNDS

PERIOD COVERED – October 19 – November 16, 2002

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

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Anderson, Walter Arthur	2002	ELFD/ELSD	0143142	\$7.24
Anderson, Walter Arthur	2001	ELFD/ELSD	0143142	7.38
Anderson, Walter Arthur & Carolyn	2000	ELFD/ELSD	0098871	6.21
Hoyle, Sara S. & Children	2002	ALFD	0138178	69.00
Keistler, James G.	2002	DFD	0146674	5.25
Ramsey, Teresa Renee	2002	ELFD/ELSD	0143139	8.63
Ramsey, Teresa Renee	2001	ELFD/ELSD	0143139	8.63
Rick, Mary Christine & Larry Eugene	1998	DFD	0124437	7.40
Rick, Mary Christine & Larry Eugene	1999	DFD	0124437	7.40
Rick, Mary Christine & Larry Eugene	2000	DFD	0124437	5.50
Rick, Mary Christine & Larry Eugene	2001	DFD	0124437	6.60
Rick, Mary Christine	2002	DFD	0155261	6.59
Sigmon, Carmen	1997	EFLD/ELSD	0113839	12.90

Sigmon, Carmen	1998	ELFD/ELSD	0113839	13.80
Sigmon, Carmen	1999	ELFD/ELSD	0113839	13.52
Sigmon, Carmen	2000	ELFD/ELSD	0113839	10.07
Sigmon, Carmen	2001	ELFD/ELSD	0113839	11.99
Sigmon, Carmen	2002	ELFD/ELSD	0113839	11.99
Sigmon, Kenneth G. II	2000	ELFD/ELSD	19934	9.55
Sigmon, Kenneth G. II	2001	ELFD/ELSD	19934	11.12
Sigmon, Kenneth G. II	2002	ELFD/ELSD	19934	11.12

TOTAL \$251.89

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Garrison Family LTD Partnership	2002	SFFD	0119738	\$87.27
Garrison Family LTD Partnership	2002	SFFD	0119738	87.31

TOTAL \$174.58

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

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Banc One Credit Company	2002	PCFD	0137981	\$23.06
Bryant, Lisa Poteat	2002	CITY	0116585	11.74
Caldwell, Laura Lancaster	2002	BCFD	0064728	20.40
Elmore, Ralph Marshall	2002	CRFD	03622	27.74
Ervin, Janet S.	2002	PCFD	0147994	16.79
Ford Motor Credit Company	2002	ALFD	0121032	65.99
Gabbard, Julia A.	2001	PCFD	0108860	8.68
Gantt, Benjamin M.	2002	NBFD	0070017	15.86
General Motors Acceptance Corp.	2001	PCFD	0129106	20.69
Heafner, Sue	2001	SFFD	14420	14.03
Helton, Larry Thomas	2002	HCFD	0113499	29.45
Lail Electric Service Inc.	2002	CITY	25362	13.07
Laurenson, James & Rachel G.	2001	ELFD/ELSD	0142072	5.66
Laws, Frank Nathan	2002	CITY	0113131	19.36
Martinez, Luis Alberto	2001	SFFD	0143383	1.20
Moore, Patricia F.	2002	ELFD	48306	9.15
Olivares, Katherine Mae	2001	ELFD/ELSD	0129097	20.05
Phillips, Judy Oxendine	2001	ELFD/ELSD	0124279	44.40
Saunders, William D. & Gertha B.	2002	N321	0115146	31.84
Willis, Thomas E.	2001	NBFD	01861	6.06

TOTAL \$405.22

Budget Adjustment No. 39 by MIS to budget adjustments to set up accounts for rural internet access authority grant funds. Access grant \$12,000 total.

Budget Adjustment No. 40 by Finance to allocate funds from central services and contingency to various departments to cover cost of unemployment expenses for year. Unemployment on a reimbursement basis, estimate of obligation is budgeted under central services until actual invoice is received.

Sponsored Group Status

- Fellowship Baptist Church

- Chamber of Commerce
- Mt. Olin
- Young's Chapel Church of God in Christ Jesus

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

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.

Recommendations from the Planning Board: Randy Hawkins presented the following Planning Board's recommendations.

Zoning Map Amendment No. 439 – Tommy Engle, applicant: Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, stated that the Planning Board voted 6 - 0 to recommend approval.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Planning Board's recommendation and approve Zoning Map Amendment No. 439 – Tommy Engle, applicant.

Conditional Use Permit No. 210 – AT&T Wireless, applicant: Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, stated that the Planning Board voted 6 – 0 to recommend approval with the condition that minimum FAA-accepted lighting be installed on the tower.

Application # CUP #210 Date 12/16/02

Applicant's Name AT&T Wireless
 11760 N. US Hwy #1
 Palm Beach, FL 33408

Property location: Killian Farm Road

Existing Zoning: R-T

Proposed Conditional Use 235 foot telecommunication tower

1. The use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed according to plan. YES X NO
Factual Reasons Cited: Location on 40-acre site

2. The use meets all required conditions and specifications. YES X NO
Factual Reasons Cited: Based on information provided to staff.

3. The use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property unless the use is a public necessity. YES X NO
Factual Reasons Cited: Based on location of property and proposed towers location on property.

4. The location and character of use, if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved, will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and will be in general conformity with the Land Use Plan for the area in question. YES X NO
Factual Reasons Cited: Tower to be located at rear of property and meet required setbacks.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Planning Board's recommendation and findings of fact for Conditional Use Permit 210 – AT&T Wireless, applicant, with the findings of fact with the conditions that FAA accepted lighting be installed on the tower.

ABC Interlocal Agreement: Stan Kiser, County Manager, stated that the ABC Board has contacted him concerning initial funding. The are asking the County to front money to the ABC Board until they start making money. An appropriation of \$10,000 would probably get them going.

Mike Baker stated that the ABC Board is a self-supporting board and will eventually pay back this money, but they need to get started.

Jeff Taylor, County Attorney, stated that a motion should say a due date when the money will be repaid, such as June 30, 2004. A date, as well as amount borrowed, should be established.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to allow the ABC Board \$10,000 to be paid back by June 30, 2004.

Environmental Health Fees: Scott Sneed stated that he is here for final approval of the Environmental Health Fee Changes. The fees will be initiated January 1, 2003. The changes are as follows:

1. Food establishment plan review: Restaurants (seats) - \$150, Food Stands (no seats) - \$75; Meat Markets - \$75; Renovation/Upgrade \$50, and
2. Wasted trip fee (\$50).

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted 4 – 1 (Commissioner Mitchem against) to approve the Environmental Health fees as approved by the Board of Health.

Capital Project Report – Public Works: Steve Gilbert presented the Capital Project Report for the Public Works Department.

Finance Officer's Report: Leon Harmon gave the Finance Officer's Report for November.

Vacancies: Commissioner Craig presented the following vacancies.

VACANCIES

Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee 6
Personnel Board 1
Recreation Commission – Union North 1

The following are Commissioner Craig's recommendations:

APPOINTMENTS

Reappoint the following individuals to the *Board of Equalization and Review*:

Neil Ferguson

Mark Beam

Neal C. Mullen

Everette J. Heglar, Jr.

Appoint Leon Harmon to the *Appeal Board for Debt Set-off*:

Reappoint Dean Lutz and Clyde Brown to the *Planning Board*.

Appoint Harold Howard, Jr. to the *Planning Board*.

Commissioner Craig also presented housekeeping changes to the Planning Board to get more in line with the Resolution creating the Planning Board.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Neil Ferguson, Mark Beam, Neal C. Mullen, and Everette J. Heglar, Jr. to the Board of Equalization and Review.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Funderburk, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Leon Harmon to the *Appeal Board for Debt Set-off*.

Commissioner Mitchem nominated Ricky Hovis for Dean Lutz' seat on the Planning Board. Vote: 2 – 3 AYES: Funderburk, Mitchem
NOES: Craig, Cochrane, Anderson

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted 3 – 2 (Commissioner Mitchem and Commissioner Funderburk against) to reappoint Dean Lutz to the Planning Board.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Clyde Brown to the Planning Board.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Harold Howard, Jr. to the Planning Board.

Calendar: Chairman Cochrane presented the calendar for the month of January, 2003.

County Commissioners' Report: Chairman Cochrane announced that the Employee Awards Luncheon will be held Wednesday at 11:30 AM and will be catered by Hillbilly's Barbecue.

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

County Attorney's Report: Jeff Taylor reported on the Highway 16 property. The ad ran for the upset bid procedure on Friday and he should have something by the second meeting in January.

Mr. Taylor stated that he met with the ABC Board recently. The Commissioners will have to approve a Bond for the person that writes the checks for the ABC Board. The ABC Board will have to have audits done and are soliciting informal bids. They are subject to the open meetings law. The ABC Board will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Room.

Mr. Taylor stated that on foreclosures, there are a number of things pending. Some payments have been committed and others have been received.

Other Business: Chairman Cochrane announced that the 321 Land Use Plan will be back on the agenda for the 2nd meeting in January. The Board scheduled a work session for February 26 at 3 PM. This session will be held at Gaston College.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session to discuss a water issue/contractual matter.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Mitchem, the Board returned to open session.

No action was taken in Closed Session.

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

Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board

Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman