

**MINUTES**  
**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2001**

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met for a work session on February 1, 2001, which was recessed from January 31, 2001, at the Citizens Center, Auditorium, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting at 6:30 PM.

Commissioners Present:

Jerry W. Cochrane  
Beth H. Saine  
Thomas R. Anderson, PE  
Larry S. Craig  
Dr. John R. Gamble, Jr.

Others Present:

Stan B. Kiser, County Manager  
Jeffrey A. Taylor, County Attorney  
Cheryl A. Baxter, Assistant Clerk to the Board  
Leon Harmon, Finance Director

**Call to Order:** Chairman Cochrane called the meeting to order.

**Adoption of Agenda:** UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda, amending it to move Item 3 to before Item 2.

**AGENDA**  
**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2001**

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|    | 6:30 PM | Call to Order                      |
| 1. | 6:31 PM | Adoption of Agenda                 |
| 2. | 6:32 PM | Presentation of Hospital Audit     |
| 3. | 7:00 PM | Lincoln County Sports Hall of Fame |
| 4. | 7:15 PM | Addressing Update – Madge Huffman  |
| 5. | 7:45 PM | Department Head Presentation       |

- Susan McCracken, Social Services Department
- 6. 8:15 PM Department Head Presentation
  - Dante' Patterson, MIS Department
- 7. 8:45 PM Department Head Presentation
  - Kelly Atkins, Building and Land Development
- 8. 9:15 PM Approval of \$20 Per Meeting Payment for Board of Adjustment
- 9. 9:20 PM Other Business

Adjourn

**Lincoln County Sports Hall of Fame:** Erma Deen Hoyle stated that a Sports Hall of Fame for Lincoln County is a topic that has been talked about for a number of years by a number of different parties. This Hall of Fame would consider coaches, athletes, media representatives, and any others associated with sports history and involvement. She stated that Roby Jetton and Max Garner have taken the initiative to get this started and have approached her with the idea of using the third floor activity room and hallway of the Senior Center as a place to initially house the Hall of Fame. She stated that the group has proceeded with their organization and has picked individuals from throughout Lincoln County to form a Steering Committee and then go into the process of a formal organization. They have designated a Board of Directors, have set their terms of office, their policies and procedures, which is included in the Bylaws. The decision was made to apply for incorporation, which was approved and they are in the process of completing an application for a 501(c)3 status so that any donations can be tax-deductible for the contributor. If the organization ceases to exist, it is in the policy that any funds remaining would be equally divided between all of the high school athletic associations in the county. Ms. Hoyle stated that their purpose tonight is two-fold, first is to inform the Board of this organization, and second is to request formal permission to use the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor activity room and hallway as the initial home for the Lincoln County Sports Hall of Fame.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to give permission to the Lincoln County Sports Hall of Fame to use the Third floor of the Senior Center and the Activity Room.

**Presentation of Hospital Audit:** Mr. Cline Comer of LarsonAllen CherryBekaert gave a report on the Hospital. He stated that they were engaged jointly by the Commissioners and the Board of Lincoln Health Systems to provide a report on a number of provisions that are contained in the Settlement Agreement dated June of 1999. He stated that at the time the agreement was entered into, there were four provisions in the agreement. These were 1 - Analysis of accounts receivable no more than 90 days old, 2 - Analysis of accounts payable more than 60 days past due, 3 - Analysis of transfers between Lincoln

Medical Center and Lincoln Medical Foundation, and 4 – Analysis of EMS Operations (Which was excluded at County request). He stated that their approach was to select patient accounts, select vendor invoices, obtain detail schedule of transfers, interview LHS personnel, review internal and external financials, and review Board Minutes.

Mr. Comer stated that on the first item - the Analysis of Accounts Receivable, patient accounts, they agreed to select 25 patient accounts that were more than 90 days old at June 30, 1999. He stated that they identified three patient accounts that were delayed two months or longer from date of service to date billed. He stated that they traced the patient accounts with delayed billing to medical record and discussed with Health Information Systems personnel. They delayed billing was caused by a delay in processing of medical records.

Mr. Comer stated that on the second item – the Analysis of Accounts Payable, they looked at 25 accounts payable that were more than 60 days past due at June 30, 1999. He stated that they analyzed related invoices and discussed with management to determine final payment date and cause for delay. They found that the delayed payments were caused by a lack of cash.

Mr. Comer stated that another item was the Transfers/Transactions between Lincoln Health System and the Foundation. They reviewed a schedule obtained from LHS identifying transactions between Lincoln Health System, Inc. and Lincoln Medical Foundation. They determined the nature of transactions between the entities and identified related repayments. The transactions identified were transfers from Lincoln Medical Center to help meet Lincoln Medical Foundation operating expenses, including payroll and trade accounts payable.

Mr. Comer reviewed reasons for the delays in billing in Patient Accounts Receivable.

**Addressing Update – Madge Huffman:** Madge Huffman gave an update on Addressing and the GPS System.

Chairman Cochrane requested that the Addressing Ordinance information come before the Board at the second meeting in March.

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

**Department Head Presentation – Susan McCracken, Social Services Department:** Susan McCracken reviewed the programs the Social Services Department administers, which include Medicaid, which includes Medicaid for children, families, and disabled and elderly adults, food stamps, and welfare reform, which is now WorkFirst Family Assistance. Ms. McCracken spoke of the needs for the department, which include space and equipment.

**Department Head Presentation – Dante’ Patterson, MIS Department:** Dante’ Patterson gave a presentation on the MIS Department, updating the Board on current projects.

**Department Head Presentation – Kelly Atkins, Building and Land Development:** Kelly Atkins gave a presentation on the Building and Land Development Department. Mr. Atkins stated that he felt the fee schedule could be increased to be more in line with other areas. Mr. Atkins reviewed the goals of the department.

**Approval of \$20 Per Meeting Payment for Board of Adjustment:** **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to approve a \$20 per meeting payment for the Board of Adjustment.

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

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Amy S. Long, Clerk  
Board of Commissioners

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Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman  
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