

MINUTES
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2001

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners and the Planning Board met in a joint session on August 6, 2001 at the Citizens Center, Commissioner's Room, Third Floor, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting at 6:30 PM.

Commissioners Present:

Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman
Beth H. Saine, Vice Chair
Thomas R. Anderson, PE
Larry S. Craig
David P. Choate

Planning Board Members Present:

Mike Baker, Vice Chairman
Dean Lutz, Secretary
James Funderburk
Gerald Johnson
Eddie Sigmon
Terry Whitener
Stanley Roseboro

Others Present:

Stan B. Kiser, County Manager
Jeffrey A. Taylor, County Attorney
Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board
Cheryl Baxter, Assistant Clerk to the Board
Kelly Atkins, Director of BALD
Nadine Bennett, Interim Zoning Administrator
Leon Harmon, Finance Director

Call to Order: Chairman Cochrane called the August 6, 2001 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 adding Item 2a – Notice of Public Hearing for Road Naming.

AGENDA

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AUGUST 6, 2001

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| | 6:30 PM | Call to Order |
| 1. | 6:31 PM | Adoption of Agenda |
| 2. | 6:32 PM | Approval of Minutes
- July 23, 2001 |
| 3. | 6:35 PM | New Business/Advertised Public Hearing |

CUP #190 Martin Marietta, applicant (Parcel ID #57422) The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit in order to accommodate an asphalt manufacturing facility on a 10.6 acre portion of a 15.4 acre parcel. The site is currently vacant property zoned General Industrial (I-G). The parcel is located off Racing Drive in the Catawba Springs Township.

CUP #191 Crown Castle, applicant (Parcel ID #10044) The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit in order to accommodate a 325 foot telecommunication tower on a 32.4 acre parcel, which is zoned Residential Rural (R-R). Currently, the site is mostly pasture land containing a single-family home and several barns. The parcel is located off Fish Pond Road in the North Brook Township.

ZMA #384 Jerald Collins, applicant (Parcel ID #78787) The applicant is requesting to rezone a 2.08 acre parcel from Residential Transitional with a Designated Highway Overlay District (R-T DH) to Neighborhood Business with a Designated Highway Overlay District (B-N DH). The request is being made in order to accommodate a retail sales business consisting of antique items. The parcel is located off Highway 73 in the Ironton Township.

ZMA #385 Donna Key, applicant (Parcel ID #33804) The applicant is requesting to rezone a .46 acre parcel from Residential Suburban with a Designated Highway Overlay District (R-S DH) to Light Industrial with a Designated Highway Overlay District (I-L DH). The request is being made in order to accommodate a small dental laboratory within the vacant single-family home currently located on the lot. The parcel is located in the Wrenn Estates subdivision off Highway 16 in the Catawba Springs Township.

4. 7:05 PM Resolution Declaring ‘Celebrate Hosiery’ Month
5. 7:15 PM Release of Hope Shores Cash Bond
6. 7:25 PM Lincoln County Incentive Grant Program – Barry Matherly
7. 7:35 PM Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Report
8. 7:50 PM Funding Options for Water Issues – WK Dickson
9. 8:05 PM Other Business

Adjourn

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Saine, the Board set a public hearing for August 20 at 7:45 PM for road naming.

Approval of Minutes – July 23, 2001: Chairman Cochrane presented the minutes of the July 23, 2001 meeting for the Board’s approval.

Chairman Cochrane presented the following changes:

On page 11, change Budget Adjustment No. 1 to say 2000/2001, instead of 200/2001.

On page 13, in the Resolution to Create Lincoln Natural Resources Committee, the second WHEREAS should read:

WHEREAS, the mission of the Regional Environmental Summit was to develop an environmental vision for the region, seek common ground among the various forces which impact the environment, and seek agreement on possible ways to balance the need for a wholesome environment with the inevitable growth in the region; and.

On Page 22, add the names Case Farms and C & C Farms to the paragraph on the chicken situation.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 23, 2001 minutes with the corrections.

New Business: Advertised Public Hearings: Chairman Cochrane announced that this was the date, Monday, August 6, 2001 and the time, which was advertised in the *Lincoln Times-News* on Friday, July 27, 2001 and Friday, August 3, 2001

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and Planning Board will hold a joint meeting and public hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, August 6, 2001, to consider the following zoning related matters:

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

Conditional Use Permit No. 190 – Martin Marietta, applicant: Having been sworn by the Clerk, Amy S. Long, the following individuals spoke on Conditional Use Permit No. 190 – Martin Marietta, applicant.

Nadine Bennett, Interim Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Conditional Use Permit No. 190 – Martin Marietta, applicant.

The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit in order to accommodate an asphalt manufacturing facility on a 10.6 acre portion of a 15.4 acre parcel. The site is currently vacant property zoned General Industrial (I-G).

The parcel is located off Racing Drive in the Catawba Springs Township and is joined on the north, east, and west by properties zoned I-G and to the south and west by properties zoned Residential Transitional (R-T). Asphalt manufacturing facilities require the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit in the I-G zoning district.

Chairman Cochrane opened the Public Hearing concerning Conditional Use Permit No. 190 – Martin Marietta, applicant.

Chairman Cochrane asked how close the closest home is to this property.

Kelly Atkins stated that it's a little more than a quarter mile from this property to the nearest home.

Tim Gaddy, with Rea Construction, stated that there are containments built around the fuel oil tanks and asphalt tanks to prevent run-off. He stated that truck tankers will bring in 6,000 gallon loads of AC-20, which will be trucked in from Citgo terminals in Charlotte. He stated that they will probably have a 30,000 gallon storage tank on site. He stated that he is not sure how many trucks the concrete plant generates, but on any given day 100 trucks would probably be the max through the site. He stated that plants similar to this do around 800 to 1,000 tons per day, so 75 trucks would probably be an average.

Commissioners Anderson and Craig voiced concerns on Highway 16 and the impact of these additional trucks.

Jeff Zink stated that he and his wife own Denver Mini Storage at the entrance to the proposed asphalt facility, at the end of Racing Drive. He voiced concerns over the traffic load from this facility and the odor from the plant.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Cochrane declared the Public Hearing on Conditional Use Permit No. 190 – Martin Marietta, applicant, closed.

Presentation to Miss North Carolina, Ashley House: Chairman Cochrane read the Resolution Honoring Ashley House, which was approved at the last meeting.

Ashley House thanked the Board for the Resolution.

Conditional Use Permit No. 191 – Crown Castle, applicant: Having been sworn by the Clerk, Amy S. Long, the following individuals spoke on Conditional Use Permit No. 191 – Crown Castle, applicant.

Nadine Bennett, Interim Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Conditional Use Permit No. 191 – Crown Castle, applicant.

The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit in order to accommodate a 325 foot telecommunication tower on a 32.4 acre parcel, which is zoned Residential Rural (R-R). Currently, the site is mostly pasture land containing a single-family home and several barns.

The parcel is located off Fish Pond Road in the North Brook Township and is joined on the north, south, and east by properties zoned R-R and to the west by properties zoned Residential Single-Family (R-SF). A telecommunication tower over sixty (60) feet requires the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit in the R-R zoning district.

Chairman Cochrane opened the Public Hearing concerning Conditional Use Permit No. 191 – Crown Castle, applicant.

John Hasty, Attorney, questioned the following individuals concerning Conditional Use Permit No. 191 – Crown Castle, applicant.

Mr. Michael Dennis, RF engineer for Cingular Wireless, stated that there are no towers in the area to locate on. He stated that there is a need for a tower in this area.

Mr. John Yagley, Site Acquisition Agent with Chase Real Estate Services, pointed out the area that the tower needs to be in. He stated that there are no water tanks or towers to locate on.

Ms. Wendy Smith, Site Acquisition Manager with Crown Castle, stated that Bellsouth has a lease from Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer for the property to build the tower on. She stated that the land is and will continue to be pasture land. She stated that a study was done and an application put into the FAA.

Mr. Robert Casagrande, with Kimley-Horn Associates Consulting Engineers, stated that he prepared a site plan for the construction of this location. He explained how the site is designed, what it is comprised of, and how it complies with the Zoning Ordinance. He stated that the tower will not cause any additional traffic or any noise.

Jim Meyer stated that he is a commercial real estate appraiser. He stated that this would not affect the value of adjoining or abutting property.

Tom Martin asked several questions concerning the effect this tower would have on his property, which adjoins this property.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Cochrane declared the Public Hearing on Conditional Use Permit No. 191 – Crown Castle, applicant, closed.

Zoning Map Amendment No. 384 – Jerald Collins, applicant: Nadine Bennett, Interim Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Zoning Map Amendment No. 384 – Jerald Collins, applicant.

The applicant is proposing to rezone a 2.08 acre parcel from Residential Transitional with a Designated Highway Overlay District (R-T DH) to Neighborhood Business with a Designated Highway Overlay District (B-N DH). The request is being made in order to accommodate a retail sales business consisting of antique items.

The parcel is located off Highway 73 in the Ironton Township and is joined on all lot lines by parcels also zoned Residential Transitional (R-T).

Chairman Cochrane opened the Public Hearing on Zoning Map Amendment No. 384 – Jerald Collins, applicant.

Jerald Collins, stated that he owns this property and just had the whole 2 acres fenced in. He stated that his family just sold 150 acres there, but he had these 2 acres cut out. He stated that he has talked to some neighbors and they do not care if he puts this antique store there. He stated that he will keep the store nice and not junk it up.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Cochrane declared the Public Hearing on Zoning Map Amendment No. 384 – Jerald Collins, applicant, closed.

Zoning Map Amendment No. 385 – Donna Key, applicant: Nadine Bennett, Interim Zoning Administrator, presented the following information concerning Zoning Map Amendment No. 385 – Donna Key, applicant.

The applicant is requesting to rezone a .47 acre parcel from Residential Suburban with a Designated Highway Overlay District (R-S DH) to General Business with a Designated Highway Overlay District (I-L DH). The request is being made in order to accommodate a small dental laboratory within the vacant single-family home currently located on the lot.

The parcel is located in the Wrenn Estates subdivision off Highway 16 in the Catawba Springs Township and is joined on the west and north by properties zoned R-S; to the east by General Business (B-G DH); and to the south by Neighborhood Business (B-N DH). General Industrial (I-G DH) and I-L parcels are located a few lots on the north and south side of Highway 16 respectively from the lot in discussion.

Kelly Atkins stated that a text amendment would be needed at a later date to allow this dental lab.

Chairman Cochrane opened the Public Hearing on Zoning Map Amendment No. 385 – Donna Key, applicant.

Todd Wulforst stated that property was part of Wrenn Estates Subdivision, but the restrictions were modified. He stated that in May the Keys rezoned the adjoining lots, but could not rezone the residence because of the people living in it. He stated that the ultimate goal is to operate a dental lab in this house.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Cochrane declared the Public Hearing on Zoning Map Amendment No. 385 – Donna Key, applicant, closed.

The Planning Board reconvened to the second floor balcony.

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

Resolution Declaring ‘Celebrate Hosiery’ Month: Chairman Cochrane presented the following Resolution Declaring ‘Celebrate Hosiery’ Month.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution Declaring ‘Celebrate Hosiery’ Month.

**RESOLUTION
DECLARING ‘CELEBRATE HOSIERY’ MONTH**

Whereas, the North Carolina hosiery industry has been an important contributor to the state’s economy for more than a century; and

Whereas, the industry provides employment to 33,000 persons in North Carolina, enhancing their quality of life; and

Whereas, North Carolina hosiery companies produce 60 percent of the domestic hosiery products in the United States, representing sales of \$3.2 billion which flows throughout the businesses of our communities; and

Whereas, Lincoln County is one of 33 counties in North Carolina that includes hosiery manufacturing and companies that supply producers of ladies hosiery, body wear and socks for men, women, and children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners does declare August 2001 as Celebrate Hosiery Month to recognize the contributions of the hosiery industry to the livelihood of our citizens, and the economic base of our communities and the State of North Carolina.

Adopted this 6th day of August, 2001.

Chair

Secretary

Release of Hope Shores Cash Bond: Stan Kiser stated that Hope Shores is requesting Lincoln County to release their cash bond. He stated that the bond is \$31,250 and all improvements have been completed.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the release of the Hope Shores Cash Bond.

Lincoln County Incentive Grant Program – Barry Matherly: Barry Matherly reviewed changes to the Incentive Grant Program, which included a change due to the factors changing due to the tax rate and changes to the factors for grants.

EXHIBIT A

**LINCOLN COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM
FOR NEW AND EXISTING INDUSTRIES**

I. OVERVIEW

Lincoln County has adopted the following Industrial Development Incentive Grant Program for purposes of recruitment of industry and increasing economic growth. The objectives of the grant program are to expand the tax base, to provide quality jobs for Lincoln County's residents, to promote economic development, and to secure the economic well-being of all citizens. The importance of sustaining and assisting with the growth of existing industries is well-documented. The diversification that comes with the addition of new industries to a county is needed to provide a broader economic base. The following paragraphs formalize the Incentive Grant Program.

II. PROGRAM PARAMETERS

The Industrial Development Incentive Grant involves a contractual agreement between Lincoln County and new or existing industries for a financial incentive grant based upon the actual value of qualifying new capital investment (as determined below) made by such new or expanding industries within the corporate boundaries of Lincoln County. Incentive grants made under this program will be identified by the particular project for which they are made and will be secured by a contract between the grant recipient and Lincoln County. Such contract must identify the start date and completion date of the proposed project, which project shall not exceed two years in duration. The time period for a contract shall not be required to coincide with the County's fiscal year. Changes or additions to a project after a contract's completion date will require a separate contract.

The maximum amount of the financial incentive grant will be determined in accordance with the provisions set out in Section IV and will be specified in the contract. In the event that a recipient actually makes a smaller investment than contracted for hereunder, the grant to be paid will be reduced accordingly.

The financial incentive grant will be paid in five equal annual installments. The first of said annual installments will be paid on the 15th day of January of the year following the first full year after the completion of the new capital investment, provided, however, that any annual grant installment may be delayed or withheld if the grant recipient is delinquent in the payment to Lincoln County of any taxes, utility bills, or other fees owed the County.

The value of the qualifying new capital investment will be determined by the appraisers of the Lincoln County Tax Department on the basis of enhancements to Lincoln County's tax base. The Tax Department appraisers will consider only new investment in land, buildings, machinery, equipment, and personal property, subject to the following guidelines:

(a) For new construction or expansion of existing construction, the amount that qualifies for consideration in calculating incentive grants will reflect only the amount by which the new construction or expansion enhances the value of the property beyond its value prior to the project.

(b) The value of new investment in machinery, equipment, or other personal property eligible for consideration in calculating incentive grants will be limited to 70 percent of the amount of new investment in such property.

(c) For expansions of existing industries, the value of any machinery or equipment being phased out, replaced, or retrofitted as part of the project will be deducted from the value of replacement equipment in determining the amount that qualifies for consideration in calculating incentive grants.

If a grant recipient shall close, terminate, or reduce its operation by fifty percent (50%) or more during the five-year period of the grant, all further grant payments will cease, and the Industrial Development Incentive Grant for the recipient will be null and void.

Each project will be considered in accordance with the aforesaid guidelines. The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review these guidelines annually and make any necessary or appropriate changes. The grant program may be changed or rescinded at any time but with the understanding that contracts outstanding at the time of such termination or change will be honored in accordance with the terms of such contracts.

III. PROJECT QUALIFICATIONS

To be considered eligible for an Industrial Development Incentive Grant, a project must meet certain basic criteria. These criteria are to be used as guidelines in project evaluations. Additional criteria may be applied to specific projects based upon the terms of the contract between the grant recipient and Lincoln County.

Factors to be considered shall include but not be limited to the following:

--the size of the project based upon investment in site development, plant facilities, and infrastructure;

--the number and type of jobs created and the anticipated hourly wages to be paid;

--potential for future expansion and increased employment;

--site specific initiatives that may be pursued to stimulate other development in areas that Lincoln County may deem of significant benefit to the community.

IV. APPLICATION OF THE GRANT PROGRAM

1. Level I Grant -- for qualifying new capital investment by new or

expanding industries in an amount from \$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999.

The annual grant to be paid will be computed by multiplying the dollar amount of the investment (as determined by the appraisers of the Lincoln County Tax Department) by a factor of 0.00403.

2. Level II Grant -- for qualifying new capital investment by new or expanding industries in an amount from \$5,000,000 to \$19,999,999.

The annual grant to be paid will be computed by multiplying the dollar amount of the investment (as determined by the appraisers of the Lincoln County Tax Department) by a factor of 0.00465.

3. Level III Grant -- for qualifying new capital investment by new or expanding industries in an amount of \$20,000,000 or more.

The annual grant to be paid will be computed by multiplying the dollar amount of the investment (as determined by the appraisers of the Lincoln County Tax Department) by a factor of 0.00527.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

Upon receipt of a grant application, and prior to approval of such application, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a public hearing after due advertisement in accordance with the provisions of N. C. G. S. 158-7.1.

Approved and adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on the 1st day of February, 1999, and most recently amended by the Board on August 6, 2001.

Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND POLICY
FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANTS
FOR NEW AND EXISTING INDUSTRIES IN LINCOLN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners verily believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Lincoln County to encourage and support economic development within Lincoln County through the recruitment of

new industries to the County and the expansion of existing industries in the County; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has worked with the City of Lincoln and the Lincoln Economic Development Association (hereinafter "LEDA") to develop a consistent program to provide incentive grants for industrial development for new and existing industries; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believes that in order to be fair and consistent, any grants made under such a program should take into account the scale and scope of the proposed new industry or expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that adjustments need to be made in the policy from time to time to account for changing conditions;

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

1. The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Lincoln County Industrial Development Incentive Grant Program for New and Existing Industries attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.
2. This incentive grant program supersedes and replaces any and all previously adopted policies or programs of Lincoln County for economic incentive grants.
3. The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Lincoln County staff and LEDA and its representatives to advertise, distribute, or otherwise disseminate information concerning this incentive grant program as they see fit to promote economic development in Lincoln County.
4. This incentive grant program provides guidelines which may be used by staff and LEDA and made known to prospective grant recipients, but the Board of Commissioners reserves the right to consider each proposal on its own merits and make appropriate adjustments to the terms or amounts of particular grants accordingly before awarding such grants.
5. Incentive grants made under this program will be identified by the particular project for which they are made and will be secured by a contract between the grant recipient and Lincoln County. Such contract must identify the start date and completion date of the proposed project, which project shall not exceed two years in duration. The time period for a contract shall not be required

to coincide with the County's fiscal year. Changes or additions to a project after a contract's completion date will require a separate contract.

6. This incentive grant program shall be reviewed annually during the budget process, and appropriate adjustments may be made to conform to changing budgetary conditions.

7. This resolution shall become effective as of July 1, 2001.

This 6th day of August, 2001.

Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution to Amend Policy for Industrial Development Incentive Grants for New and Existing Industries in Lincoln County.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Report: John McKey, Chairman of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, gave a report on the Council's activities, how it's organized, and thoughts for the future.

Funding Options for Water Issues – WK Dickson: Mike Osborne, with WK Dickson, presented the following information concerning the two funding agencies with grant and loan programs for water system improvements.

State Revolving Fund (SRF) Grant and Loan Program: The SRF Program is administered through the NCDENR Public Water Supply Section. There is approximately \$14 million in low interest loan funds available for the September 2001 funding cycle. No grant money is available at this time. The interest rate on low interest loans is approximately 2.8%, or one-half the market rate for the funding period. This is the same program which the County submitted a successful application for the West Lincoln Booster Pump Station. As before, the County must submit an application by September 30, 2001 identifying the project(s) to be funded. In addition, the County must also submit supplemental data to accumulate points and strengthen the application. The supplemental data includes evidence of public health need, financial need, planning efforts and water conservation programs. A preliminary review of the strength of a funding application for the proposed projects shows that the County will be able to submit a competitive application.

The plans would need to be approved by next April in order for the money to be issued. The money is issued on a ready to proceed basis.

Rural Center Grants Program: The grant program administered by The Rural Center is similar to the SRF Program. The County will have to demonstrate a public health need and accumulate points to be awarded a grant. However, the amount of money awarded is limited to \$400,000 and requires 50% matching funds. In addition, the County must provide evidence that in the project area:

- The poverty rate is at least 150% of the State poverty rate.
- The unemployment rate is at least double the State unemployment rate for the most recent reporting period, or
- The actual or imminent loss of jobs equals or exceeds 5% of the total number of jobs in the County.

Due to the program criteria, successful funding is not likely through The Rural Center.

Mr. Osborne recommended that the County proceed with preparing an application for the SRF Program as this program provides the best opportunity for project funding. The applications must be in by September 30 and supplemental information must be in by the end of October.

There was a discussion about raising the water availability fee to help pay for these improvements.

Chairman Cochrane stated that he feels the Board really needs more information and he has asked the County Manager to have a pro-forma. He stated that the Board needs to look at the infrastructure costs, the revenue stream as it is now and how to pay off the debt incurred by putting in the infrastructure. He stated that he does not think the Board can make a decision without this information.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Saine, the Board voted unanimously to let Jack Chandler and Mike Osborne proceed with the request for loan.

Other Business: Chairman Cochrane presented the Architect contracts for approval for the EMS and Social Services Buildings.

Commissioner Anderson suggested removing paragraph 10.2.1.6 from the Contract with Stewart Cooper Newell Architects.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Contract with Stewart Cooper Newell Architects, striking paragraph 10.2.1.6, Article 10 on page 8.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with Williams Design for the Social Services Building.

Stan Kiser stated that the County had a program to assist people in the construction of roads, which helped Alexis Acres pave their road. The individuals put up 75% of the money and the county would put up and then assess them the additional 25%. Some of the individuals in Alexis Acres put up more than their fair share and Mr. Harmon recommends reimbursing the homeowner's association the amount we owe them, which is \$21,687.50.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to refund Alexis Acres Homeowner's Association their money that they have paid in good faith to get their road paved.

Stan Kiser stated that from time to time, different groups, particularly the Boy Scouts, have requested a County flag. He presented the Board with quotes on ordering at least 12 flags. He stated that for 12 3X5' flags, with fringe, the price would be \$897 or \$74.75 each and for 3X5' flags without fringe, it would be \$657.00 or \$54.75 each. There is a \$175.00 setup charge for the flags.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to order 12 flags for \$657.00, with a setup charge of \$175 with the flags being for sale at cost and any non-profit organization must receive Board approval for a flag at no charge.

Stan Kiser presented the Board with information concerning the Sheriff's Department reorganization and salary increases she has requested. The total amount of increases is \$17,905 and the money is in the Sheriff's budget.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve this.

Closed Session: **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session to discuss a real estate matter.

Nothing was reported from Closed Session.

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

Amy S. Long, Clerk
Board of Commissioners

Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman
Board of Commissioners