

**MINUTES**  
**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MONDAY, JULY 17, 2000**

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on July 17, 2000 at the Citizens Center, Commissioners Room, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting at 5:30 PM.

**Commissioners Present:**

James A. Hallman, Chairman  
Terry L. Brotherton, Vice-Chairman  
Beth H. Saine  
W. J. Waters, Jr.  
John R. Gamble, Jr.

**Others Present:**

Stan B. Kiser, County Manager  
Jeffrey A. Taylor, County Attorney  
Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board

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

**Invocation:** Rev. Gary Dittman of Emmanuel Lutheran Church gave the Invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Adoption of Agenda:** **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with the removal of Item 9 - Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults Agreement for the Provision of County-Based Aging Services.

**AGENDA**

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**JULY 17, 2000**

5:30 PM	Call to Order
5:30 PM	Invocation
5:30 PM	Pledge of Allegiance

1. 5:30 PM Adoption of Agenda
2. 5:30 PM Approval of Minutes
  - May 30, 2000
  - June 5, 2000
  - June 19, 2000
  - July 3, 2000
3. 5:35 PM Consent Agenda
  - Tax Requests for Releases
    - Less than \$100 – May 16 – June 15, 2000
    - More than \$100 – May 16 – June 15, 2000
  - Tax Requests for Refunds
    - Less than \$100 – May 16 – June 15, 2000
    - More than \$100 – May 16 – June 15, 2000
  - Budget Adjustments 1 - 8
  - Water Adjustments – June 12 – July 6, 2000
  - Sponsored Group Status
    - Gold Hill Missionary Baptist Church
    - Carolina Cross Connection
    - New Providence Full Gospel Church
  - Letter of Credit – Troy Acres
4. 5:40 PM Public Comments
5. 5:55 PM L. Robert Kimball & Associates Addressing Plan – Judy Caudill
6. 6:10 PM Report on Activities for Forest Service – Elizabeth Snyder
7. 6:20 PM Order of Collection
8. 6:25 PM Watershed Map Resolution – Lee Lawson
9. 6:35 PM Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults  
Agreement for the Provision of County-Based Aging Services
10. 6:45 PM LEDA Bylaws Ratification – Barry Matherly
11. 6:55 PM Vacancies
12. 7:00 PM Appointments
13. 7:05 PM Calendar
14. 7:10 PM County Commissioners' Report

15. 7:25 PM County Manager's Report
16. 7:35 PM County Finance Officer's Report
17. 7:45 PM Other Business

Adjourn

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Hallman presented the minutes of May 20, 2000, June 5, 2000, June 19, 2000, and July 3, 2000 meetings.

Commissioner Gamble stated that he has spent a lot of time reading some of these minutes and has some problems with them. He stated that some of the things approved, we are not showing that there are any bids. He stated that we are approving this thing about Mr. Willingham and do not know where he lives yet.

Chairman Hallman stated that he thinks he lives in Cornelius, and he owns a business in Lincoln County. He stated that according to Centralina Council of Government if he has a business here, he is be qualified to do it.

Commissioner Gamble drew attention to the motion by Commissioner Waters to approve the Consulting Contract and at some time in the future get a better estimate on what it will cost, which is on page 5 of the May 30, 2000 minutes. He asked if the better estimate had been presented yet.

Chairman Hallman stated that there is a definite price on the work they outlined and there is the possibility of additional funds in the future.

Commissioner Gamble asked when they approve the minutes, what this says about this subject.

Chairman Hallman stated that this means the Board has approved the contract for \$25,000.

Commissioner Gamble stated that this implies that the \$25,000 may not be the better estimate.

Chairman Hallman stated that this means that there possibly will be some additional costs at some point in the future once they determine database compatibility, and all the stuff that has to merge in together.

Commissioner Gamble stated that the Board is treating this like children, making statements in the minutes on an official basis, and then do not come back and follow themselves up.

Commissioner Gamble stated that on page 7, Chairman Hallman stated that there are specific Statutes about Charter Schools, but did not say what they said, how they are related to that, or owned or leased by the County, or what. He stated that the Chairman just said that there are specific Statutes, and he has not doubt that there are.

Chairman Hallman stated that as he understands it, the Board can only give money to leased or County-owned property. He stated that the statement about specific Statutes really doesn't add anything and Commissioner Gamble can strike it out.

Commissioner Gamble stated that there is a statement in here from Commissioner Brotherton that reads "Commissioner Brotherton stated that he will vote for the motion because he has learned that band and balls takes precedence over books in East Lincoln. He stated that he has never heard such an insulting statement to an administration of a school.

Commissioner Brotherton asked how many times the schools have had fundraisers to buy textbooks, yet parents are complaining that textbooks are not available for their children. He stated that there are continuous fundraisers for the sports programs, so to him it's very clear.

Commissioner Gamble stated that this is beside the issue of what's in the minutes, Commissioner Brotherton is taking us astray.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that he is trying to clarify the meaning of what he said and he firmly believes that – that ball and band take priority over textbooks.

Commissioner Gamble stated that the guarantees that if Randy Hawkins put that on a headline, Commissioner Brotherton would have 100 calls before tomorrow.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that this thing they call a newspaper in Denver, he printed it and said it was an insult to east Lincoln County. He stated that he thinks this paper is an insult to journalism. He stated that Commissioner Gamble got a thumbs-down in the last issue for not knowing where Beatties Ford was.

Commissioner Gamble said that he did that to bait the public, the public doesn't know that, and he put that in there to prove that the public mostly doesn't know.

Commissioner Gamble asked about Commissioner Brotherton's statement that "until the zoning with the City is settled for once and all, he wouldn't vote to put a nickel in it". He stated that if something happened before he came on Board, he is entitled to know what Commissioner Brotherton's referring to.

Chairman Hallman stated that this has to do with the Block Smith Gym.

Commissioner Brotherton asked if he needs to respond.

Commissioner Gamble stated that he is not inviting Commissioner Brotherton to explain anything, he's just wanting to know that the Board is satisfied with these words, indefinite words, that do not have a meaning and nobody can relate to, that they are just going to leave them standing there on their own without any understanding of what they mean, and he should know if he is going to sign this thing.

Chairman Hallman stated that people say things for various reasons.

Commissioner Gamble stated that the Clerk ought not to put it in the minutes.

Chairman Hallman stated that he does not know that it's the Clerk's job to edit the minutes, it's the Clerk's job to get the correct grammar.

Commissioner Gamble stated that the County Manager should edit what's written in the minutes.

Commissioner Gamble stated that Erma Deen Hoyle stated in the minutes that "we do not have to go back before the City Council unless we don't air condition the facility within the next two years".

Chairman Hallman stated that this has to do with Block Smith Gym.

Jeff Taylor, County Attorney, stated that the Block Smith Gym is operated under a Conditional Use Permit from the City of Lincolnton, and the current Conditional Use Permit, which they got 6 months or so ago, contains in it a provision that the gym can only be used if in a two year time span the building is air-conditioned. If it is not air-conditioned in that two-year time span, the permit would expire and they would have to go back and renew it. If it is air-conditioned during that time span, then the life of the Conditional Use Permit is indefinite.

Commissioner Gamble stated that on page 8, the minutes say that "Darrell Harkey stated that they applied for a grant from Timken to purchase the Stonewall Jackson Furnace. Timken was going to give \$120,000, but could not because they were not a 501(c)3. He stated that people who contribute money cannot deduct it from their taxes."

Commissioner Gamble stated that he thinks this last sentence is correct, but he would like to know if there is verification that the \$120,000 was to buy the Stonewall Jackson Furnace. He stated that he does not believe it would cost that much. He stated that he would like to have this validated. Commissioner Gamble stated that the Board is putting stuff in here that they are supposed to know is true.

Jeff Taylor commented that this is just a statement.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that he believes the Timken people went out with Darrell to look at the site.

Commissioner Gamble asked if there was a letter saying this.

Chairman Hallman stated that the point Darrell was trying to make was to convince the Board to create a 501(c)3 for the Historic Properties Commission.

Commissioner Gamble stated that doing that would commit the Board to keep the group on payroll forever.

Commissioner Gamble stated that these are his statements and he would like all these things struck until the Board can get validated proof that what was said or reported was said or reported to have been done should be certified to with a letter and somebody's signature. He stated that if they do not agree with this, he knows how they make motions to knock them down.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that he will bring a letter to the next meeting, signed, that his personal opinion is that more money is spent on band and ball, more effort made on band and ball, and more consideration is given to band and ball than textbooks.

Chairman Hallman advised the County Manager to get a letter from Darrell Harkey concerning the Timken money.

Stan Kiser, County Manager, asked the County Attorney if the purpose of the minutes are to reflect what was said at the meeting, and not the accuracy of what was said.

Jeff Taylor, County Attorney, stated that this is his understanding. He stated that the Board could have somebody come up in Public Comments, and say all kinds of ridiculous and false things, and the minutes would still have to reflect these things

Commissioner Gamble stated that whoever said it from Timken ought to be willing to sign a letter.

Chairman Hallman advised that since there seems to be a problem with the May 30 minutes, and he would like to skip on to the next ones.

**A MOTION** by Commissioner Brotherton to approve the May 30, June 5, June 19, and July 3, 2000 minutes of the Board of Commissioners.

**Vote: 3 – 2 AYES: Hallman, Brotherton, Saine  
NOES: Gamble, Waters**

Commissioner Gamble stated that he would like it shown in the record that he is voting no because of inaccuracies in the minutes.

Commissioner Waters asked if he listens to one of the tapes, if the minutes is what he will hear. He stated that in his advancing age, maybe his memory fails him, but this is not what he remembers hearing often. Commissioner Waters brought attention to page 5 of the May 30, 2000 minutes.

Commissioner Brotherton asked Jeff Taylor, County Attorney if legally they are required to have written minutes. He stated that he believes the Statutes refer to it as "a record must be kept of the meetings". He stated that the tape can possibly qualify as that record.

Jeff Taylor stated that the Statutes specifically contemplates either electronic minutes, whether it be tapes, videotapes, audiotapes, or both. It can also be written minutes, which is kind of customary. He stated that in some counties, they just use a tape, and it is only typed up if questions arise.

Commissioner Waters asked how they approve these minutes.

Jeff Taylor stated that he does not know what procedure they use for approval, but Chapter 143 contains provisions that provide for electronic minutes to be kept and to be legal as a record of what takes place at a meeting.

Commissioner Waters stated that he does not have a problem with that, but has the same problem as Dr. Gamble when he has to vote to approve them and he does not know what they are. He stated that it's fine with him to keep electronic minutes.

Commissioner Gamble stated that twenty years ago, there was a reporter here, and with all exceptions to Randy, who does a great job, but this guy did not mind twisting the truth any way he wanted to write it. He stated that his name was Jerry. He stated that he got so upset that he listened to some of the tapes after reading the paper that said what the Board did. Commissioner Gamble stated that he took the guy down there to listen to the tape, which was a big old reel tape, and the guy listened to it, then said "My God" and got up and left.

Chairman Hallman stated that reporters have the flexibility to write anything they want to, but he feels like the reporters, excluding a no-name issue down east, all the recognized news media does an outstanding job.

**Consent Agenda:** Chairman Hallman advised that under the Consent Agenda are the following items: Tax Requests for Releases, Less than \$100, More than \$100; Tax Requests for Refunds, Less than \$100, More than \$100; Budget Adjustments 1 – 8; Water Adjustments; Sponsored Group Status for Gold Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Carolina Cross Connection; and New Providence Full Gospel Church, and a Letter of Credit for Troy Acres.

RELEASES FOR MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> THRU JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2000

MORE THAN \$100 – MOTOR VEHICLES

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Black, Augustus Melton	1999	0136145	\$301.93
Boyles, Robert Chad	1999	0062964	\$198.17
Brody, Robert Roy	1999	0141983	\$165.14

David White Construction Co.	2000	0143057	\$235.71
Eagle, Jerry Lee Jr.	1999	0111874	\$185.11
Eckerson, Edward Everett	1999	0121433	\$150.17
Ewing, Stacy	1999	0142977	\$106.20
Finney, James Alonzo	1998	0101074	\$104.39
Gibson, Stephen Thomas	1999	0067328	\$204.43
Gilliam, Bobbi	1999	0062180	\$185.90
Ilse, Joan Hauser	1999	0114105	\$127.46
Little, Sammy Kaye	1999	0121377	\$323.55
Moore, Gene D.	1999	40385	\$162.57
Moore, Jack Cathey II	2000	0125973	\$100.85
Mosteller, Howard Henry	1999	01128790	\$209.96
Mullen, Marcus Lee	1999	0065011	\$221.49
Pazzula, Joseph D. Jr.	1999	27994	\$114.61
Pentagon/Eby Brown	2000	0143070	\$212.50
Ricardo, Kenneth John	1999	0064700	\$163.20
Riddle, Richard Morgan	2000	0121035	\$105.06
Ross, Kelvin Claude	2000	0143052	\$153.46
Shepard, Jeffrey Scott	1999	0118568	\$153.09
Sneed, Charles Jim	1999	10543	\$131.54
Stennett, Leroy Beckner	1999	0143048	\$2,206.09
Workman, Zedal	1999	37263	\$174.23
		TOTAL	\$6,396.81

#### LESS THAN \$100 – MOTOR VEHICLES

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Abraham, Ruben Amado	1999	39353	\$11.67
Adams, George Lee	1999	0076563	\$12.35
Alemose, Glenn Sr.	1999	0092222	\$27.04
Arrowood, Jack Eugene	1999	0081543	\$51.81
Bailey, Ricky O.	2000	0110424	\$36.67
Beckham, Raymond Baron	1999	0076357	\$43.47
Bennett, Ronald Keith Sr.	1998	0122020	\$9.96
Bivens, Essie Fredell	1999	0136065	\$8.28
Black, Michael Lynn	1999	0132553	\$32.32
Blanton, John David	1999	02374	\$4.44
Boone, Carla Lynn	1999	0076636	\$53.92
Boyles, Stuart Micah	1999	0085779	\$28.06
Boynton, Teresa Ann	1999	0142941	\$7.93
Bradley, Dennis J. Jr.	1999	0121721	\$7.78
Cato, Timothy Lane	1999	0090291	\$21.16
Chadwick, Michael Paul	1999	0087968	\$57.96
Clary, Marshall	1999	0115643	\$25.76
Cody, Jerry Don	1999	0113353	\$19.26
Cole, Karen P.	1999	0085745	\$38.90
Connors, James Richard	1999	0111964	\$44.93
Cooper, Jeffrey Thomas	1999	0106298	\$23.76
Cooper, Retina Anita	1999	0117283	\$3.20
Correll, Derek Von	1999	0074256	\$68.98
Cotter, Mark Brian	1999	0110008	\$22.85
Dellinger, William Joseph Jr.	1999	0065262	\$3.02
Devine, Joel Keith	1999	0088277	\$27.22
Dollar, Margaret Beaty	1999	0076377	\$20.46

Engle, Ronnie Darrell	1999	0082159	\$21.41
Ervin, James Kay	1999	0101319	\$19.13
Eurey, Ray Barnett	1999	0080726	\$33.54
Fire Management Systems	1999	0126099	\$22.90
Fitzpatrick, Jeffrey Alan	1999	0128394	\$90.76
Gantt, Randy Wade	1999	11614	\$5.76
General Motors Acceptance	1999	0129106	\$49.59
Gonzalez, Humberto	1999	07117	\$46.88
Greene, Barrett Vaughn	1999	0065615	\$88.19
Hamilton, Shannon Renee	2000	43357	\$50.36
Handolescu, John I.	1999	0134197	\$0.94
Hank Parker Productions LLC	1999	0133501	\$6.27
Herman, John Arland	1999	0085768	\$40.44
Hidden Utilities	1999	0121709	\$98.66
Hobson, Roberta Roberts	1999	0119410	\$88.94
Holcomb, Keisha Leigh-Jean	1999	0141497	\$39.89
Hovis, Kenneth Wayne	1999	0090420	\$79.25
Huston, Hattie Virginia	1999	0075935	\$10.61
Johnson, Bessie Mullen	1999	0091923	\$57.51
Jones, John Christopher	1999	0066131	\$63.47
Jones, John Webster	1999	0087114	\$13.06
Kinley, David Ernest	1999	0143545	\$10.91
Kitchen, Gene Aubrey	1999	35959	\$29.40
Kochosky, Scot Michael	1999	0136288	\$24.03
Kuletz, William J.	1999	18684	\$28.71
Lenox Sales Inc.	2000	0121093	\$90.10
Lentz, William Montgomery Jr.	1999	0085711	\$24.24
Leonard Automatics Inc.	1999	0101333	\$21.00
Leonard, Danny Eugene	1999	0086576	\$19.05
Leonhardt, Amanda Darlene	1999	0106210	\$41.31
Lloyd, Linda Preslar	1998	0137621	\$59.47
Louttit, Joan Simmons	1999	0142796	\$43.67
Lovelace, David Dwayne	1999	0130656	\$35.91
McCravy, Harold William Jr.	1999	0078903	\$7.04
McLeod, John P.	1999	17132	\$9.04
Mendola, Joseph S.	1999	0117459	\$20.70
Messer, Lowell Thomas	1996-00	0101492	\$49.23
Milam, Billy G.	1999	0123804	\$49.12
Miller, Lynette Sweeten	1999	0149238	\$40.82
Miller, Thomas Lynn	1999	0142298	\$10.11
Milstead, Gary Matthew	1999	0142760	\$6.08
Monge, Jose M.	1999	0128458	\$40.91
Moore, Gene D.	1999	40385	\$23.21
Murillo, Eileen	1999	0131452	\$8.61
Newell, Jeffrey Eric	1999	0110552	\$15.39
Newton, Brian Scott	1999	0093518	\$67.59
Nichols, David Gene	1999	0096417	\$20.49
Parker, Charles Bruce	1999	0072647	\$50.65
Parker, Lynn Renette	1999	00411	\$7.43
Parrish, James Clinton	2000	0065430	\$20.53
Phil Parsons Racing	1999	0114266	\$35.80
Pitman, Mack Samuel	1999	0061202	\$28.43
Poole, Donald Dean	1999	0105938	\$17.09
Poston, Avis Nadine	1999	0072653	\$4.38
Price, Joan Montgomery	1999	30514	\$8.01
Reel, Kevin M.	1999	14370	\$6.65

Rhyne, Forest C.	1999	09200	\$94.35
Rinck, Doris Beal	1999	0123020	\$31.07
Rodrigues, Rolando	1997	0129239	\$24.64
Rogers, Kathy Lynn	1999	0141812	\$7.96
Rogers, Phillip Larry	2000	0141918	\$52.74
Romano, John	1999	0061719	\$0.85
Schauble, Beth Fox	1999	0141268	\$77.86
Seagle, Lawrence John III	1999	0106227	\$28.49
Sherrill, Mark Eugene	2000	0092585	\$80.08
Shipp, Sally Melinda	1999	0094329	\$21.50
Shull, Jerry Kenneth	1999	38477	\$12.27
Silveira, Marcos Cardosa	1999	0142780	\$20.05
Smith, Donald Lee	1999	16621	\$54.53
Smith, Michael Dean	1999	0128720	\$57.26
Smith, Paul Allen	1999	0065842	\$5.61
South Mountain Baptist Assoc.	1999	0143847	\$29.89
Southerners Quartet Inc.	1999	0123134	\$18.23
Steele, Stephen M.	2000	01250	\$98.41
Stroup, Michael Andrew	1999	0075262	\$33.06
Swengros, Jane Marie	1999	0116328	\$28.44
Swing, Donald F. Sr.	1999	21059	\$33.57
Thomas, Harold	1999	0062686	\$20.71
Thomas, Ray	1999	0100701	\$39.26
Vega, Aluaro	1999	0142880	\$46.78
Wallace, Jimmy Winslow Jr.	1999	0071682	\$68.49
Ward, Jeffrey Dean	1999	0088933	\$87.35
Welborn, Troy James	1999	0082266	\$2.23
Wentworth, Herbert Grant	1999	0084604	\$49.15
Whitworth, Mamie Lee	1999	0086724	\$9.64
Wickham, Larry Earl	1999	0136072	\$12.87
Wideman, Linda Frazier	1999	0143013	\$48.60
Wilson, Larry Daniel	1999	0132568	\$63.18
Withers, Franklin M.	1999	15599	\$24.92
Withers, Loretta Mitchell	1999	0122009	\$99.44
Wolfe, Mark Robert	1999	0106921	\$35.56
Young, Jeffrey Gerald	1999	0083992	\$12.69
		TOTAL	\$4,047.56

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Diagnostic Ultra Sound Serv.	1999	0133051	\$668.25
Houser, Leon	1999	0129722	\$787.92
Samey, Teddie Sue	1999	0107277	\$146.91
		TOTAL	\$1,603.08

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Avery, Bobby Steele	1999	05517	\$1.96
Avery, Gordon Scott	1998/99	41659	\$21.96
Burgess, Misty	1999	0107279	\$39.97

Ellington, James A.	1998/99	18491	\$40.64
Gladden, Herman	1999	42061	\$54.70
Matthews, Robert A.	1999	20251	\$9.09
Mitchell, Richard L.	1999	0099602	\$5.40
Parker, John Ray	1999	0124240	\$2.93
Patterson, Jeanette	1999	0123715	\$68.43
		TOTAL	\$245.08

**LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT**

**REQUEST FOR REFUNDS**

ANNUALS

PERIOD COVERED ( May 16 – June 15, 2000)

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

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Baker, Willie M.	1995	PCFD	35821	\$18.86
Barnhardt, Harold Steven III	1999	ALFD	0119165	3.89
Batson, Stacey Darron	1999	PCFD	12092	21.30
Brown, Patsy E.	1999	CITY	07376	16.18
Burgess, Misty	1998	N321	0107279	39.17
Cheeks, Garry W.	1999	HCFD	0110392	19.49
Jones, Cari	1999	PCFD	0127646	5.03
Richardson, Martha Kay	1999	NBFD	0061923	14.69
Thompson, Kathleen M.	1999	ELFD	0108908	1.10

**LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT**

**REQUEST FOR REFUNDS**

ANNUALS

PERIOD COVERED (April 16 – May 15, 2000)

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

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Heavner, Wayne & Linda Ann	2000	BCFD	39423	\$277.31
Plumley, Urcilla M.	1998	ELFD/ELSD	20167	69.00
Plumley, Urcilla M.	1999	ELFD/ELSD	20167	69.00

**LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT**

**REQUEST FOR REFUNDS**

MOTOR VEHICLES

PERIOD COVER (May 16 – June 15, 2000)

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

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
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Adams, James J.	1999	SFFD	0139018	\$1.43
Alvey, Dean Matthew	1999	DFD	0112689	1.44
B & B Construction	2000	DFD	24310	38.30
Baker, Belinda	1999	SFFD	0101834	44.97
Beam, Trudy C.	1999	HPFD	0120813	4.36
Beckley, Christopher A.	1999	ELFD/ELSD	0087540	19.14
Beutel, William D.	1999	CITY	0104857	33.76
Blackwelder, Harry Lee Jr.	2000	DFD	0121785	7.99
Body Dynamics Racing Bodies Inc.	1999	DFD	0129444	39.16
Bora, Benjamin	1999	ELFD/ELSD	0115911	38.15
Boyles, Robert G.	1999	NBFD	0068544	3.72
Bradshaw, Ralph Jr. & Frances	1999	ALFD	0103326	8.06
Cagle, Susan M.	1999	BCFD	0142842	2.85
Calloway, Susan S.	1999	HCFD	0129841	50.00
Carpenter, Melissa P.	1999	HCFD	0119012	5.07
Casey, Thomas M.	1999	PCFD	0093014	9.57
Cobb, Everette R. Sr. & Mary C.	1999	ALFD	0093055	1.31
Coneybeer, Jack & Sherl	1999	DFD	0137238	4.57
Davis, Ralph J.	1999	NBFD	01845	5.83
Dillard, Lucy	1999	ELFD	0086702	14.55
Funderburk, Christy L.	1999	ELFD	0100484	17.62
Gantt, Brenda L.	1999	NBFD	0083530	7.11
Gantt, Randy & Kathy	2000	NBFD	11614	5.84
General Motors Acceptance Corp.	1999	BCFD	0129106	49.59
Giffel, Byron B.	1999	CITY	0126436	27.91
Goodson, Christopher J.	1999	N321	0087116	2.74
Graham, Lloyd	1999	BCFD	0134876	15.28
Hinson, Archie W. Jr.	1999	HCFD	0135284	3.39
Holcombe, Cecil & Beverly	1999	PCFD	0116480	3.00
Hullett, Mary H.	1999	PCFD	0072118	7.25
Hunt, Scott C.	1999	HCFD	0125794	8.94
Kapps, Kenneth & Deborah	1999	ELFD/ELSD	18175	85.50
Keener, Antha D.	1999	BCFD	14226	8.33
Keener, Cynthia R.	1999	CITY	08444	9.65
Knapp, Arlene L.	1999	PCFD	0129855	19.13
Ledford, Steven Dale	1999	NBFD	0073848	16.61
Lenox, Sarah A.	1999	CITY	0101297	16.22
Leonard Automatics Inc.	1999	DFD/ELSD	0101333	21.00
Lineberger, Marcus	1999	HCFD	0094505	5.59
Maj. Eric Anthony	1999	ELFD	0135337	2.89
Matthews, Robert A.	1999	ELFD/ELSD	0088836	9.76
McSwain, Walter C.	1999	N321	0081797	20.82
Patterson, Robert & Kimberly	1999	N321	0124872	8.37
Pendley, Billy Dean	1999	UNFD	0103520	5.99
Phillips, Donald R.	1999	CITY	04337	2.16
Phillips, James C. Jr.	1999	ALFD	0142311	3.01
Phillips, Tobin V.	1999	ALFD	0108464	3.80
Presley, Margaret L.	1999	UNFD	0128398	32.91
Reep, Paul & Patsy	1999	BCFD	0072526	43.02
Rojas, Marlen	1999	CITY	0120575	2.04
Rudisill, Alda S.	1999	CITY	0103089	56.13
Small, Betty C.	1999	CRFD	0068293	5.64
Smith, Michael & Darlene	1999	CITY	0109663	5.50
Stanley, Harley J. & Patricia	1999	ELFD	0130030	3.23
Sutton, Scott M.	2000	CRFD	0070096	10.57
White, Robert C.	1999	N321	0140841	1.35

Williams, Amanda	1999	UNFD	0128603	8.00
Wilson, David A.	1999	DFD/ELSD	15410	6.70
Wood, Roger L.	1999	PCFD	0098890	2.23
Woodruff, Vonley H.	1999	CITY	0084842	1.30
Young, Charles & Cynthia	1999	HCFD	0081782	2.32

**LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT  
REQUEST FOR REFUNDS  
MOTOR VEHICLES**

PERIOD COVERED (May 16 – June 15, 2000)

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

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Brooks, Antonio E.	1999	CITY	37676	\$123.72
Cochrane Furniture	1999	CITY	24612	131.01
Hoyle, Steven C.	1999	CRFD	0116891	162.47
Lake Norman Propane	2000	DFD	0130626	176.75
Lease Plan USA	1998	DFD	0069506	145.08
Poquette, Gereon & Barbara	1999	ELFD/ELSD	20268	769.56

Budget Adjustment No. 1 – Encumbrance of 1999/2000 final payroll salaries and fringe per attached details.

Budget Adjustment No. 2 – Carryover 6/30/2000 balance in Capital Improvement fund to current year.

Budget Adjustment No. 3 – Carryover balance of funds for EDC land purchase.

Budget Adjustment No. 4 – Emergency Management carry forward balance of Duke Power Discretionary funds from previous year.

Budget Adjustment No. 5 – Setup balance from previous year in Library gift account.

Budget Adjustment No. 6 – DSS encumbrances.

Budget Adjustment No. 7 – Encumbrances for Register of Deeds.

Budget Adjustment No. 8 – Tax and tag for vehicles purchased in June.

**WATER ADJUSTMENTS – ACCOUNTS REQUESTING ADJUSTMENT FOR PERIOD OF JUNE  
12 – JULY 6, 2000**

NAME	ACCOUNT #	ADJUSTMENT	NEW TOTAL	REASON
Kent Leonhardt	10221411-01	\$120.40	\$275.12	Leak
Tommy Sisk	2036811-01	\$ 96.91	\$ 52.62	Leak

**Sponsored Group Status**

- Gold Hill Missionary Baptist Church
- New Providence Full Gospel Church
- Carolina Cross Connection

**Release of Letter of Credit**

- Troy Acres

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**Public Comments:** Chairman Hallman advised that this was the time the Board of Commissioners would receive comments from the citizens regarding any matter they desired to address.

**Carol Clise** thanked the Board for installing the new PA system. She stated that it's extremely helpful to those in the audience to be able to hear the Attorney and the County Manager. She stated that she notices the podium microphone is fixed from the meeting two weeks ago. Ms. Clise inquired about the status of the Mountain Lake Property, which is a joint venture with Gaston County for the forest preserve. She stated that she understands that Gaston County has signed the lease. This was done through the Clean Water Act, the funds have been provided, and Lincoln County has not signed yet.

Jeff Taylor stated that Lincoln County has signed that and it has been sent to the State for approval.

**L. Robert Kimball & Associates Addressing Plan – Judy Caudill:** Judy Caudill stated that as the Board knows, there is an Addressing Committee to address some of the problems that Lincoln County has with road names and the different departments it affects. She stated that Madge is at a conference and Lew is on vacation, so she was nominated to present this. She stated that their committee has met several times and they enlisted the help of L. Robert Kimball & Associates, giving them each department's concerns about what is wrong with addressing and asking their help. She stated that Scott Storm and Mark Holmes are here tonight to present this.

Scott Storm, with L. Robert Kimball & Associates, in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, stated that in late May to early June, Madge Huffman and Lew Hartford came to them. He stated that they worked with the County before doing the tax mapping and aerial photography and digital orthos. He stated that they just finished up that project within the last year and Pam Piper, with their firm was the project manager on that, and is also the project manager on this project, her expertise being in tax mapping. Mr. Storm stated that his expertise is in 911, and he is here as a technical leader on the project. He stated that Mark Holmes is the technical lead on the GIS side, the mapping side. Mr. Storm presented their recommendation of the Implementation Plan of what they see is the issues and how they are going to help the County resolve them.

Mr. Storm stated that as Judy Caudill stated, the addressing review committee was put together because of an issue that has been cropping up in the County with the number of duplicate road names and the problems with the road names within the County now. He stated that they asked L. Robert Kimball & Associates to come on board to help and assist in coming up with a solution to help them identify duplicate road names, verify the road names within the county, and help resolve and clean up the road name base throughout the county. Mr. Storm stated that the immediate impact was to help alleviate

some of the emergency situations, but in the long term their goal is to get the road name base throughout the county to a point where all the different agencies and groups within the county, and the school systems, Elections Board, etc., can also use and communicate back and forth with the road names and set a standard. This way everyone is using the same road names, the same spellings, the same standards.

Mr. Storm presented a workflow plan, stating that basically new road names are recorded, approved, and verified within the county, as it comes in by a Tax Plat through the Building and Land Development Group. He stated that the County has a Subdivision Technical Review Committee that reviews these plots for road names and such. The City of Lincolnton has the same type of review committee, and one of the issues they have right now is there is no good source of information for either of the two review committees to look back on as a source of the actual road names. He stated that this is a need they are going to address. Mr. Storm stated that once the plat is approved, they recommend having the plat going to the GIS/Mapping, and they record it in the Tax Mapping Department, and also at the same time an Addressing Coordinator will take the plat and update the base map that the county has right now, using that tax mapping information. This way the tax map and the road centerline file would be updated with all the new road names. During that stage, they will develop a maintenance package that they will be able to go into their base map, their centerline map file, and update new roads, and as an end result be able to print out the current road listing for the entire county, plus be able to print out maps to dissipate road maps to different agencies.

Mr. Storm stated that Judy Caudill, for the Board of Elections, has one of the most stringent specifications standards for the information that needs to come back for these road names. He stated that they will be using her specifications and her needs as the high mark for all the other groups throughout the county. He stated that she basically follows the US Postal Standards.

He stated that the contract they have now is to come down and visit to gather information, and then go back to develop the tools necessary to show the County how to update and maintain their base map and get it back up to a good quality level with all the road names they need for dispatching.

Mr. Storm presented the following workflow implementation schedule.

## **LINCOLN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

### **New Road Name & Address Assignment Workflow Implementation Schedule**

#### **Phase I – Road Centerline Clean-up**

Goals:

- Establish road name specifications/standards
- Identify road name duplicates

- Resolve road name discrepancies
- Develop Master Road Name Listing

Tools:

- Duplicate road name identifier  
Tabular report & Graphic identifier
- Master Road Name Listing generator
- National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Specifications
- US Postal Service – Publication 28

Timetable: August 4, 2000

## **Phase II – Road Centerline & Address Maintenance**

Goals:

- Create a user friendly address maintenance package, giving the addressing coordinator an efficient means of creating, updating & maintaining the County's road centerline/addressing file.
- Create a standard set of address notification deliverables.
  - Master Road Name Listing
  - New Road Name Listing with corresponding address ranges
  - Map depicting new road name & addressing grid
- Train County personnel on road centerline & addressing maintenance techniques.

Tools:

- Addressing Maintenance package
- New Road Name & Address Notification package
- Program Training

Timetable: September 15, 2000

Chairman Hallman asked if this is an outline of what they are doing for the contract that the Board approved in the May 30, 2000 minutes, the \$25,000 contract. He stated that then if the county bugs L. Robert Kimball & Associates too much, they will start the clock, outside the parameters of the contract.

Mr. Storm stated that there have been some other things that Lew, Madge, and Mr. Atkins have talked to them about. He stated that right now the county does not have a digital emergency service provider coverage. The Sheriff's Department or 911 dispatch uses a paper map to be able to determine where a particular road is intersected by different fire departments. He stated that they have talked about the potential of being able to digitize this.

Commissioner Gamble asked if new roads were created that were important if this committee would suggest names or if Mr. Storm would suggest names. He stated that he is thinking about historical names.

Mr. Storm stated that the county should start right now establishing a list of road names that they could have. The road names get approved by the Subdivision Technical Review Committee. He stated that instead of disapproving road names, the county could provide a list of suggestions. He suggested that they start developing a list of names.

Commissioner Gamble stated that there are a lot of historical names here in this county and this area. He stated that they would be derelict not to recognize those regardless of political persuasion, just to get their names recorded, because if you live long enough, your family is going to die out. He stated that he would hope that whoever ramrods this committee, like Ms. Caudill, that she would see to this.

Judy Caudill stated that when a developer develops a certain area, they come in with a list of names they prefer that their development be named. She stated that her office is more stringent than even the E-911 department. She stated that what these folks have done is to help the county implement something that will help clear up the centerline file.

Commissioner Saine asked if there was an Oak Lane, Oak Street, and Oak Bend, would they change all three names or just one or two of them.

Mr. Storm stated that some members of the committee felt this was a duplicate. He stated that for E-911 it would not be considered a duplicate, but for Ms. Caudill it would be considered a duplicate. He stated that most of the time when they do a county 911 job, that would not be considered a duplicate, a duplicate would be two Oak Streets, but an Oak Street and an Oak Lane are not duplicates. The original thought of the committee was to go in and eliminate and just have one Oak Street, Oak Place, etc. There would be issues trying to eliminate all those roads. Mr. Storm stated that unless there is a dispatch problem, they are going to try and leave them, making sure that any new road names won't be duplicated.

Commissioner Gamble asked when they will be finished with this.

Mr. Storm stated that the day they plan on delivering the Addressing Maintenance package is September 15, 2000.

Commissioner Waters asked why the Board is going into all this detail. He stated that he has three hundred questions, and he does not understand why they are hearing all this. He stated that it seems to him that this Committee would have heard all this, made all these decisions, and someone would have reported this to the Board.

Chairman Hallman stated that he feels this is what they are doing, just keeping the Board updated on the process of this program.

Commissioner Waters stated that without his three hundred questions, there must be four people on the Board a lot smarter than him if they understand everything they heard. Commissioner Waters asked why the Board is hearing this.

Chairman Hallman stated that as he understands it, the Board is taking this as information at this point in time, and does not require Board action.

Commissioner Waters asked how much this is costing.

Chairman Hallman stated that it is costing \$25,000.

Commissioner Waters asked how he would know that from what he just heard.

Stan Kiser stated that this was in the minutes the Board was discussing earlier.

Chairman Hallman stated that the Board just beat those minutes to death.

Commissioner Waters stated that he knows exactly what those minutes said, he made the motion, we will approve up to \$25,000 and somebody will give the Board a better estimate later. He stated that he heard a whole report, but did not hear another estimate.

Judy Caudill stated that she does not think we have gotten to that point yet.

Scott Storm stated that they have not billed the County yet. He stated that the contract is not a lump sum contract in essence, where what they are going to do will cost \$25,000, they have a \$25,000 time and materials contract. He stated that if it only takes \$5,000 to do this, that is what it will cost. He stated that when Madge and Lew came to them, they asked L. Robert Kimball & Associates to submit a figure, and they decided to open up a contract for \$25,000.

Commissioner Waters asked if Mr. Storm has an estimate of what that will be.

Mr. Storm stated that he has only been down here one time, and they have spent about a week of Leslie's time looking at the centerline file. He stated that he would imagine they will spend another 2 – 3 weeks doing the programming to develop the package.

Commissioner Waters stated that his question still has not been answered. He asked again what this is going to cost.

Mr. Storm stated that it will be around \$25,000. He stated that they cannot come up with a lump sum figure on what this is going to cost, because he does not know what he will get into when he looks at the information. He stated that what he has shown tonight will be done for \$25,000.

**Report on Activities for Forest Service – Elizabeth Snyder:** Elizabeth Snyder, County Forest Ranger, presented a Report of Accomplishments for July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000.

**Order of Collection:** Chairman Hallman presented the following Order of Collection for the Board's approval.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Saine, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Order of Collection.

### **ORDER OF COLLECTION**

**State of North Carolina**

**County of Lincoln**

TO: The Tax Administrator of Lincoln County

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute #105-321(b), you are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the Office of the Tax Administrator and in the tax receipts herewith delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in the County of Lincoln, and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable you to levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Witness my hand and official seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

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James A. Hallman, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Amy Long, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners

**Watershed Map Resolution—Lee Lawson:** Lee Lawson, Land Use Coordinator, presented the following information concerning Watershed Map Resolution.

This report is to notify the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners of a change that was made in the interpretation of the WS-IV Protected Area definition. The Environmental Management Commission (EMC) clarified the definition, on July 6, 1996, of "Protected Area" when associated with run-of-the-river intakes. This interpretation of the said watershed area will be delineated using ten (10) stream miles instead of ten (10) land miles.

In order for the official state Watershed maps to be amended for our jurisdiction, the Board of Commissioners will need to pass a resolution requesting the map amendment and for the resolution to be submitted to the North Carolina Division of Water Quality.

Mr. Lawson presented the Board with maps, stating that the sections in yellow would be taken out of the watershed area, which would include the Lincoln County Industrial Park.

Commissioner Brotherton asked if this was initiated by the State or staff in order to get the problems at the Industrial Park solved.

Mr. Lawson stated that this is an interpretation that was made by the State, as shown in a memo dated June 4, 1996 from A. Preston Howard, Jr., P.E.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that all yardsticks are straight, and he's always thought that was the simplest way to measure something. He stated that it seems the State has decided it's easier to measure something with a crooked yardstick. He stated that this makes it more complicated, to where no one can actually figure out the distance of where the ten miles is at unless they get in the creek. He stated that this is typical government for you.

Chairman Hallman asked if there are other areas in the county that would fall under the same rule.

Mr. Lawson stated that these are the only areas that would be affected.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Brotherton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution Requesting Amendment to State Water Supply Watershed Map, with the map presented, for the WS-IV Protected area.

**LEDA Bylaws Ratification – Barry Matherly:** Barry Matherly stated that the Lincoln Economic Development Association is governed by a set of Bylaws, which were attached to this request. He stated that basically any time there is any adjustment to the Bylaws, they have to come back before the County and the City for ratification, and that's what they are here tonight for. He stated that only in June can they make changes, at their full board meeting. The only change is on Page 7, Article XII, Section 2 and reads "All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by any two (2) of the following; the Treasurer, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman; or the *Executive Director*.

The LEDA Board approved this amendment and they are requesting the County's approval.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Gamble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Bylaws change for Lincoln Economic Development Association.

Commissioner Gamble asked who all is on the Lincoln Economic Development Association Board now.

Barry Matherly stated that from the County the members are Commissioner Brotherton, John Black was recently appointed, Mr. Jim Lail and from the City the members are the Mayor and Fred Houser. Doug Core, Terry Whitener, and Junior Howard are private members. Sam Houser's term ended in June, and he did not want to be re-appointed.

**Vacancies:** Commissioner Saine presented the following vacancies.

Lincoln County Child Protection Team	1
Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee	5
Gaston Community Action	1
Library Board – Ironton Township	1

**Appointments:**

Commissioner Saine presented the following re-appointments to the Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee.

Phyllis Hoffman  
Katherine Price  
Earl Cloninger  
Farrie Blackburn  
Alene Lynch  
Evelyn Gregory  
Tannis Lanier  
O. E. Middleton  
Bobbi Warlick  
Don Willis

Amy Long, Clerk to the Board, stated that Tannis Lanier has served her time limit, but Debi Lee has requested that Ms. Lanier be re-appointed, because she is a great, faithful member. It is also very hard to find members to serve on this Committee.

Commissioner Brotherton asked how the time limits on this Board established, if it is a State Statute or if the Board has options on it.

Chairman Hallman stated that it is a rule that Harry Huss came up with.

Jeff Taylor stated that this was a policy adopted several years ago by the Board of Commissioners. He stated that the only change that has been made is for the Gaston College Board, in light of the fact that the State General Statutes have a four-year time requirement for a term, instead of three years. Mr. Taylor stated that the previously adopted County Commissioner Policy for County Commissioner appointments was a maximum of two three year terms, although on a zero term for an appointment to an unexpired term, that does not count towards the six years.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that it is so hard to get people to serve on this committee, he feels it's very important, plus the committee is very large. He stated that if there are really good, dedicated people on the committee, why push them out and leave vacancies. He asked how this should be addressed.

Jeff Taylor stated that a majority vote of the Board would change the policy.

Chairman Hallman advised the Clerk to have copies of the policy to review at the next meeting.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Saine, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Phyllis Hoffman, Katherine Price, Earl Cloninger, Farrie Blackburn, Alene Lynch, Evelyn Gregory, O. E. Middleton, Bobbi Warlick, Don Willis.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Saine, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Tanis Lanier and exempt her from the time limit.

**Calendar:** Chairman Hallman presented the Board's calendar for the month of August.

Commissioner Saine advised that she will be on vacation on August 7, 2000, and will not be at the meeting.

Commissioner Waters asked if he will receive something concerning the conference he is attending in Durham County.

Clerk Amy Long advised that she would look into this.

**County Commissioners' Report:**

Commissioner Gamble stated that as part of his spare time reading, he doesn't know how many Board members received the Hospital Report for the fiscal period of May, 2000, but he did not get a June one. Commissioner Gamble asked Mr. Kiser if he had received one.

Mr. Kiser stated that the Commissioners should have received the last copy he received.

Commissioner Gamble stated that he has six items of comment on this statement balance sheet. The bottom line on item one is that LMC, Lincoln Medical Center, was worth \$2.846 million less than eight months ago. But now, it's much less. In looking at cash and current liabilities, there is no way from these figures that they could be paying their bills. It says that there is an investment in Lincoln Medical Center and Foundation of \$4.2 million last year and \$5.056 this year.

Chairman Hallman asked if this is LMS, Lincoln Medical Services.

Commissioner Gamble stated that it was.

Commissioner Waters asked why they have all that money in Lincoln Medical Services.

Chairman Hallman stated that when Lincoln Medical Services takes in less money than they spend out, you have got to have some money flowing to pay the bills, and that is a bookkeeping measure.

Commissioner Waters asked what the bills are.

Chairman Hallman stated that they are paying doctor's salaries, office rent, supplies, and nurse's salaries.

Commissioner Waters stated that he thought LMC paid those bills.

Chairman Hallman stated that LMS is a separate entity owned by Lincoln Medical Center.

Commissioner Waters asked if this is another 501(c)3.

Chairman Hallman stated that there are three or four 501(c)3's at the hospital.

Chairman Hallman stated that if the hospital takes a ten dollar bill and puts in over here to pay a LMS bill, that means that there is an additional charge that goes into their accounts payable or amount owed to LMS, and it will just keep getting bigger and bigger.

Commissioner Gamble stated that the accrued expenses last year was \$4 million, this year \$4,760,000. The question arises why does this keep increasing, what is the plan to repay, has any effort been made to get money back from doctors who left Lincoln Medical Center. They have left in numbers, they paid them recruitment amounts, and we're not getting a thing back. And what happened to the anti-compete clauses of their contracts, they all had anti-compete clauses.

Chairman Hallman stated that he has not seen any of the contracts, and he assumes if they left without any repercussions, that the contracts were loose.

Commissioner Gamble stated that this is because the management did make repercussions.

Commissioner Gamble stated that if somebody is running something, and their debts continue to increase, and nobody is asking them to account for that strategy, then he is perplexed that we just accept that kind of management. He stated that he cannot understand it and he can read their balance sheet, he can read numbers, he can do additions and subtractions.

Chairman Hallman stated that if it will make Commissioner Gamble feel any better, the hospital lost less money last month than the previous month.

Commissioner Gamble stated that the accrued withholdings this year \$402,000, last year was \$181,000, that has gone up \$300,000. He stated that they show a liability in fund balance, that Lincoln Medical Center has \$41,000 due it and last year it was \$19,900, it has gone up \$30,000. He stated that everything you read is of that, going away money. Commissioner Gamble stated that money due to Lincoln Medical Center is \$262,000, last year it was \$155,000. He asked how they plan to recover this and if it was not a misuse of Lincoln Medical Center funds.

Commissioner Gamble stated that somewhere along the line that Mr. Kiser, with or without help, because Mr. Kiser is a polished money manager, needs to tell the Board what these figures mean and analyze them and find where they are talking from. He stated that he can't tell where they are coming from and you can't read this information and tell where they are coming from. He stated that in the Randy's paper, it was reported that there was a quickie audit, unannounced, except that the man from Atlanta called them three weeks before and told them what he wanted them to get organized for him, so he could come do the audit. He stated that either this man misrepresented that, or Randy's paper did not do their homework.

Commissioner Gamble stated that prepaid pension costs this year it's a liability and it's \$90,000 more than last year. He stated that they said in the paper that forbearance is still not in effect, but when you read this, it is in effect. He stated that nobody but an auditor picks this up. He stated that he can't catch it, he can just pick up on the inconsistency. He stated that there is no reason they should be fed a bunch of fallacious figures that don't say what they say they say. He stated that if we can't do any better, we need to look to our County Manager to either do the homework or hire somebody that can do the homework. He stated that when the Board gets information that is fallacious, somebody is accountable. He stated that he would like to have a smart County Manager who could just pick that up and say "Hey, Dr. Gamble, that doesn't even look true, doesn't ring true, doesn't add true." He stated that if the Board is going to be done that, they should just mark themselves down as a bunch of dummies and accept it.

Commissioner Gamble asked Sheriff Kiser if he would buy those figures in Raleigh.

Joe Kiser stated that he has bought some a whole lot bigger than that. He stated that they transferred the teachers pay into next year for two months.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that when the schoolteacher's salaries came up, it brought a question to his mind. He stated that he noticed that Mr. Hunt is taking credit for taking average pay for schoolteachers in North Carolina to the national average. He asked what it is going to cost Lincoln County to help Mr. Hunt do that, since he is taking all the credit for that. He stated that in the past it has come back on certain teachers that the increase falls back on the county. He asked if we are in that position this time.

Stan Kiser stated that he does not know, but would imagine that the ones we are funding, we would have to continue.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that in other words, we're going to furnish part of the money and he's going to take the credit. He stated that this is a great political move.

Chairman Hallman stated that we would probably have to increase commensurate with the State's salary scale.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that a few years ago, the Board encountered that and it was several hundred thousand dollars.

Chairman Hallman stated that he got an email from a Mr. Devine that has a problem with roosters crowing every morning. He stated that Mr. Devine said there was a problem that Building and Land does not cover it, Animal Control does not cover it, and the roosters keep crowing.

Kelly Atkins, Director of Building and Land Development, stated that Barbara Carpenter is investigating the complaint. He stated that he does not have an answer yet. He stated that the Sheriff's Department, Animal Control has been contacted. Mr. Atkins stated that Zoning, Mr. Lawson has been informed about this, because of the possibility of it being a business. He stated that they are trying to get all the facts together to see if they have anything before taking it to Mr. Taylor.

Chairman Hallman stated that he thinks they are game roosters. He asked if game roosters would be exempt as agriculture.

Mr. Atkins stated that if they find out that they are in fact game roosters, fighting whatever their purpose for them are, they will proceed with the complaint.

Commissioner Waters asked if there is an ordinance against fighting roosters.

Mr. Atkins stated that there is not per say fighting roosters, but if they have a business operating in a residential area, and it doesn't constitute an agricultural use, it may be an illegal business. He stated that it has to be established what they actually have out there.

Commissioner Gamble stated that he personally doesn't see anything wrong with fighting game chickens. He stated that there are so many things that people do so much worse than that that the Board does not even talk about up here.

Chairman Hallman asked about dog fighting, if he supports that.

Commissioner Gamble said that it is not good, it's bloody, but there are things worse than that. He stated that he does not support it, but is not violently opposed to it.

Commissioner Gamble stated that he has one more little item about a scandal in County Government. He stated that since he has been on this Board, and prior to it, there were numbers of politically violent exposes and money passed from the County to hush it up. He stated that now there is an employee in the County who has quit because of Indecent Liberties with a minor. He asked how many times this has happened in County Government. He stated that this is again with us, and we're going to hear about it tomorrow. Commissioner Gamble stated that he's sure these Republican members know all about it, but no one's taken the liberty to tell him as a Privileged County Commissioner to know that this is upon us again. He stated that he does not think the Board should be polarized politically about what's the County's business. He stated that he wants it very clear that he thinks he has on good reputation the fact that this scandal is pending. He stated that he just thinks we ought to have a little higher standard about people.

### **County Manager's Report:**

Stan Kiser, County Manager, stated that there is a problem in some of the subdivisions in the eastern part of the county, with water meters being switched. He stated that builders will purchase water meters, they will be installed by staff in front of homes, and for some mysterious reason, they get switched to a different home. He stated that this creates a problem because the meters are touch read – you walk along with a wand and touch it, and if the correct water meter does not coordinate with the proper address, you could get the wrong bill to the wrong home. He stated that he is starting to work with staff so that the Water Department will be providing the Building Inspectors with a list of the ID numbers for the water meters that are supposed to be at certain addresses. This way when a Building Inspector goes out for a final inspection, he will check the water meter to check to make sure the serial numbers match the address. If they do not, the final inspection will be denied. Mr. Kiser stated that he has spoken to the Sheriff, and trying to find out who is switching the meters would be pointless. The best way to stop it is to deny the final inspection until the proper water meter is returned.

Mr. Kiser stated that he is planning to approach the City Manager about the possibility of us coordinating a little more activities with our Water Departments, doing this by appointing staff to a committee, if the City Manager is interested. He stated that the purpose of this is for the two to work together, so maybe they won't have a future duplication of service. He stated that the City may be planning to buy some equipment that they would only use 30 to 40% of the time, perhaps the County could use it the other

percent of the time and vice versa. This would just be an attempt to work closer together and do some cost savings.

Mr. Kiser stated that when they met with the City, the City told them that they would be able to provide the County with  $\frac{3}{4}$  to one million gallons per day when their expansion comes on line. Jeff Emory is going to approach the City Council about a new contract and the price will remain the same. At the facility where we will be purchasing water, we will have to install telemetry equipment so both water plants can communicate with the pumping station, and we're working on that now.

Chairman Hallman asked Jack Chandler where they are at on the hydraulic model.

Jack Chandler stated that he met with representatives from the Consulting Engineering Firm and they are waiting for the Water Department to do some flow tests in different areas of the system, so they can get some pressures that will help in getting the model adjusted to the pressures that are in the system. He stated that in addition to that, they are working with Data Processing and getting some information from our billing register that will give the Consulting Engineers an indication of what areas of our system the major flows are going to, basing that on the water that is being metered. He stated that they are making a lot of headway with the model. W.K. Dickson has already completed the most labor-intensive part of the model, which is actually getting the pipes into the computer. With that part of the work being done, it's just a matter of plugging the numbers into the model and getting it all coordinated.

**Finance Officer's Report:** Leon Harmon stated that in the Board packets he included a copy of a report through the month of June, which shows the budget performance report through June and all unreconciled balances in our checking accounts at the end of June.

Mr. Harmon stated that cash-wise, we are better than we were this time last year. We ended the year with about \$9.5 million, compared to \$7.8 million last year. Our Emergency Ambulance Service ended up with \$460,000 in revenues and \$1.7 million in expenses, for a net of roughly \$1,290,000. He stated that this is not a normal year, since it had a lot of start up costs and they didn't have a full year of revenue. It should be decreasing in the current year and in years to come. The Health Department came in better than originally expected, their revenues came in at 89%, \$2.1 million, and expenses of 86%, a little over 3 million. This is at a net cost of \$969,000, compared to \$1.2 million that was budgeted. Social Services had a net cost, we had budgeted \$2.8 million, and theirs came in at \$3.5 million. A lot of that is a lag in revenues that will be coming in later. Overall, the General Fund revenues were at \$46 million, at 96% of the budget, and expenses were at \$44.3 million, 93% of the budget. The Water Fund revenues came in, we'd loaned less than we'd budgeted this year, at \$502,868, which continues to go down some. The East Lincoln Sewer District showed revenues of about \$583,000 over expenses. He stated that these are unreconciled numbers and the auditors will make adjustments to them.

Chairman Hallman stated that if you take General Fund accounts, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Landfill Fund you come out about \$2.91 million above what was projected.

Commissioner Gamble asked Mr. Harmon when in his projections does he see an end to the County loaning money to all these money losers.

Mr. Harmon stated that the only thing they loan money to now is the County Water Fund. He stated that it depends on how many customers they pick up and what expenses are the next few years. He stated that the debt is going down each year and in the next few years it should be a lot better. He stated that he has estimated three to four years.

Commissioner Waters stated that if we had to pay back that whole \$5.7 million it may never, because if he reads that correctly the accumulated figure is \$5.7 million. He stated that there are not enough customers in the County to pay that off.

Commissioner Gamble stated that especially when the Board votes for them to not come here to live.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that it looks like they came in couple million dollars under budget. He stated that going back to the textbook thing, he thinks Lincoln County should set an example that every child in this county has a textbook for every subject and access to a computer. He stated that he thinks the Board should make an effort to get the Sheriff's Deputies up to a respectable salary.

Leon Harmon stated that almost \$4 million has already been budgeted, which will decrease the fund balance. He stated that they are getting ready to go ask the Local Government for permission to borrow some School Bonds.

Mr. Kiser stated that the School System returns money to the State every year they don't use for textbooks, for computers he doesn't know.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that he used to believe the fund balance really meant something, but he has come to believe the fund balance was accumulated by over-taxing the people. Raleigh doesn't have a fund balance, why should Lincoln County have a fund balance just because someone in Raleigh says it's a good idea for the County to have one, but they never think why they shouldn't have one. He stated that he thinks the people are over-taxed.

Mr. Kiser stated that he still doesn't know where they stand if Dr. Eaddy has given up the idea on the sewer line to the new high school, or if it's dead, although he thinks it's dead anyway.

Commissioner Waters asked if Mr. Kiser has any proof it is Dr. Eaddy's idea.

Mr. Kiser stated that it came out of the School System.

Commissioner Waters stated that before we start calling names, we ought to find out where it came from.

Chairman Hallman called for a five-minute recess.

**Closed Session: UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session to discuss some personnel matters that are confidential pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11.

The Board returned to open session and the Chairman announced that there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

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