

MINUTES
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2000

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on August 21, 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

Planning Board Members Present:

Jerry Geymont
Ron Smith
Eddie Sigmon
Buddy Funderburk
Stanley Roseboro

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

Invocation: Rev. John Duncan of Holy Cross 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 following changes: under consent agenda add Lincoln County Gideons for Sponsored Group Status, remove Item number 11 – Public Hearing for Proposed Industrial Development Incentive Grant for General Shoelace per General Shoelace request, defer Item number 18 – Positron Power map until September 11, and add a Closed Session as Item 26 concerning personnel and potential legal matters.

AGENDA

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 21, 2000

5:30 PM Call to Order

5:30 PM Invocation – Rev. John Duncan, Holy Cross Lutheran Church

5:30 PM Pledge of Allegiance

1. 5:30 PM Adoption of Agenda

2. 5:30 PM Approval of Minutes
- August 7, 2000

3. 5:35 PM Consent Agenda
- Tax Requests for Releases
 Less than \$100 – June 16 – July 15, 2000
 More than \$100 – June 16 – July 15, 2000
- Tax Requests for Refunds
 Less than \$100 – June 16 – July 15, 2000
 More than \$100 – June 16 – July 15, 2000
- Budget Adjustments 12 - 16
- Water Adjustments

4. 5:40 PM Public Comments

5. 5:55 PM New Business/Advertised Public Hearing
- Watershed Map Amendment No. 3

6. 6:00 PM Public Hearing on Leash Law for Englewood

7. 6:10 PM Motions Concerning Hospital – Commissioner Gamble

8. 6:25 PM Recommendation from the Planning Board
- Watershed Map Amendment No. 3

9. 6:30 PM Addressing Ordinance Public Hearing

10. 6:40 PM Work First County Block Grant Plan Model – Susan McCracken

11. 6:45 PM Public Hearing for Proposed Industrial Development Incentive Grant for General Shoelace

12. 6:55 PM Progress Report on East Lincoln Library – Harold Cadmus

13. 7:10 PM Americorps Partnership Program – Rick McSwain
14. 7:20 PM Establishment of After Hours Service Reconnection Fee – Jack Chandler
15. 7:30 PM Increase in Returned Check Fee – Jack Chandler
16. 7:35 PM Lease Agreement Transfer from Pathways to Gaston Skills
17. 7:45 PM Amendments to Appointment Policy
18. 7:55 PM Positron Power Map
19. 8:05 PM Vacancies
20. 8:10 PM Appointments
21. 8:15 PM Calendar
22. 8:20 PM County Commissioners' Report
23. 8:30 PM County Manager's Report
24. 8:40 PM County Finance Officer's Report
25. 8:50 PM Other Business

Adjourn

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Hallman presented the minutes of the August 7, 2000 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Gamble stated that he read the minutes two times and know that there is a great deal of improvement in this verbatim stuff that Amy is giving the Board. It is a big improvement and no doubt as time goes on, the Board will get used to that much accuracy. He stated that he does commend Ms. Long for her verbiage and her taking the time to accurately reflect the language used by the Commissioners, in which she has reflected in the minutes.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2000 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Chairman Hallman stated that he thought the minutes were very good too, they pretty much tell what occurred in the meeting. He stated that he agrees that Amy continues to do an outstanding job.

Commissioner Gamble stated that the minutes will be increasingly important as the years go by.

Chairman Hallman stated that there is more and more activity taking place.

Commissioner Gamble stated that there is more and more activity and the accuracy is going to be more and more subject to lawsuits. He stated that he thinks if we can get to that point, we will all be proud of ourselves and Ms. Long's accuracy.

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

Commissioner Waters stated that part of the vehicle refunds and releases are because they are vehicles or boats registered in Catawba County. He asked if the Board even wants to look at the fact that if they have a Lincolnton address, why do they have a car that is not registered in Lincoln County. He stated that it may be peanuts, but they owe us, not Catawba County.

Chairman Hallman stated that with automobiles, if they buy one at Ralph Abernathy's and live in Maiden, they are going to have to pay Catawba County tax.

Commissioner Waters stated that they won't if they register it in Lincolnton, if they register it in Lincolnton, they pay Lincolnton tax.

Chairman Hallman stated that if they buy it here, there might be an assumption that it's a Lincoln County vehicle, but when they get their tag, they are supposed to identify the county.

Commissioner Waters stated that if you go out to where they do inspections, you will find people that have a registration card that says Lincoln County and they are paying taxes in Catawba County. He stated that he does not know how this happens. He stated that this is his question, the Board is not going to solve it tonight, but since there were so many on there where Catawba County people are getting relief from their taxes because they are paying it in Catawba County. He stated that he is not sure he wants to continue doing that.

Commissioner Brotherton asked if it could be that they have a Lincoln County address, but they still live in Catawba County. He asked if you are taxed on your place of residence.

Chairman Hallman stated that you are supposed to be.

Commissioner Waters stated that it seems to him that if you're registered to vote in Lincoln County, your legal residence is in Lincoln County.

Jeff Taylor, County Attorney, stated by coincidence, he just had a discussion with Madge Huffman about this a week or so ago. He stated that his recollection may be flawed from a conversation he had with Jay Heavner about three years ago. He stated that Jay told him something to the effect, three years or so ago, of course when he was in the position of Tax Administrator, that the Tax Department staff did not have the manpower to go out and investigate the physical location of vehicles and boats, and that sort of thing. If somebody had a P.O. Box in Denver, or wherever the case might be, they would be sent a tax bill based on that. He stated that it's his understanding from talking with Ms.

Huffman, that was in response to a question about why people pay sewer district tax on things, if they have a Denver address and it's in the sewer district, they get taxed for that. He stated that Ms. Huffman advises him that now DMV is cross-referencing all physical addresses when they issue registrations and that sort of thing. He stated that he doesn't know if that is something that is in place right now or something they are bringing up, but they are in the process of having a physical address for every name and every vehicle that's registered. He stated that this way there won't be a possibility of just relying on a P.O. Box, you might have your registration mailed to a P.O. Box, but in other words, the Tax Department ideally will have a parcel to assign to your vehicle, so they'll know if you are or are not a resident of Lincoln County.

Chairman Hallman stated that there are people in Lincoln County that have Cherryville addresses, people in Catawba County have Vale addresses, people in Lincoln County have Maiden addresses, and people in Lincoln County have Stanley addresses. He stated that they will have to tie it to a specific map of Lincoln County.

Jeff Taylor stated that this is what they are in the process of doing. He stated that in other words, each name will have a parcel number with it, so that would have it tied to a specific tax situs.

Commissioner Waters stated that it's all in the computers. He stated that if his registration card says Lincoln County, he would think he ought to be paying taxes in Lincoln County.

Chairman Hallman stated that he had a situation a long time ago, when he had a Lawndale address, and they would invariably send that tax notice to Cleveland County. He stated that he had to have verification that he paid tax in Lincoln County before Cleveland County would release it.

Commissioner Waters stated that he will ask Madge how she determined that they did not owe that tax.

Chairman Hallman stated that there are an awful lot of these on here.

Commissioner Gamble stated that this is the proper phrase "why they do not owe us".

Commissioner Waters stated that this is right, and he would like to know the answer to that, because there are an awful lot of them on here.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that there are also a lot of Gaston County.

Commissioner Waters stated that he does not want to give Mecklenberg County any money either.

Chairman Hallman stated that if we give them relief there ought to be verification that they paid in another county.

Commissioner Waters stated that he will ask that question and report back.

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

RELEASES FOR JUNE 16TH THRU JULY 15TH, 2000

MORE THAN \$100 - VEHICLES

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Bell, Rainie Locke	1999	0137446	\$102.79
Beth Haven Baptist Church	2000	0067500	\$197.16
Carpenter, James Edwin	2000	0144498	\$173.38
Cherry, John M.	2000	0128651	\$208.98
Conner, Joel	2000	0137234	\$138.10
Dean, Kenneth Jeffrey Jr.	2000	0129323	\$366.20
Dixon, Kenneth Robert	1999/00	0113594	\$303.42
Donlen Corp.	1999	0071152	\$420.88
Donlen Corp.	1999	0071152	\$186.50
Duckworth, Joshua Lee	1999	0143753	\$192.58
Gable, Susan Tucker	1999	0111698	\$116.55
Hawkins, Jessie Lee	1999	0143632	\$116.40
Holmes, Scott Christopher	1999	0084290	\$130.49
Hoyle, Andrea Nicole Ballard	1999	0129055	\$139.73
Hoyle, Donnie Gene	2000	0088241	\$199.93
Lee, Jimmy Ray Jr.	2000	0144500	\$151.48
Lynch, Wilma G.	1999	0098660	\$125.52
Pentagon/Eby Brown	1999	0143070	\$504.71
Philbeck, Dwight D. Jr.	2000	0122448	\$104.30
Proctor, Vance Calvin Jr.	1999/00	0143064	\$156.64
Rhyne, Martin Luther Jr.	2000	0106639	\$108.57
Smith, David Bradshaw	2000	0093385	\$249.44
Three Oak Trust	2000	0144467	\$301.32
VT Inc. as Tstee World Omni	2000	0126435	\$259.70
Wilkinson, Deborah Pittman	1999	0143834	\$115.79
Wise, Wayne Russell	1999	0129078	\$131.27
		TOTAL	\$5,201.83

LESS THAN \$100 – VEHICLES

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Abernethy, Judith W.	2000	0067538	\$28.93

American Concrete Products	2000	0088156	\$49.19
Aragon, Axel	1999	0134060	\$19.56
Arwood, Jordan	1999	0136174	\$11.31
Atwood, Larry Steven	1999	0143780	\$62.01
Avery, Mary Wright	1998	0077618	\$11.31
Baldwin, Russell E.	1999	0141723	\$11.97
Barker, William Richard	1999	26507	\$19.97
Barnes, Robert Arthur	1999/00	0143637	\$74.72
Bartholomew, Dennis M.	2000	18197	\$42.18
Beaver, Jessie Mack	1999	06163	\$33.77
Bentley, T. R. Jr.	1999	12561	\$18.10
Black, Jimmy Dean	1999	0119747	\$3.66
Black, Seth Aubrey	1999	0142328	\$91.73
Bowling, Robin Leah	1999	0143525	\$29.51
Boyles, Phillip M.	1999	0130126	\$10.00
Brackett, Harold D.	2000	01264	\$8.97
Burgin, Randy Horace	1999	0122643	\$24.06
Burrows, Donald M.	1999	0117511	\$40.57
Busque, Wana Madrid	1999	0144251	\$19.99
Byrd, Debbie W. (Joel D.)	1999	32851	\$52.00
Caldwell, Harold S. Sr.	1999	30122	\$23.21
Campbell, David Wayne	1999	0082167	\$32.24
Canipe, Max Clifton	2000	11530	\$2.40
Carpenter, Barry Scott	2000	0126316	\$55.71
Carver, Richard L.	1999	0139339	\$58.60
Caylor, Willard L.	2000	0104065	\$29.05
Cody, Janice Ophelia	1998	0071859	\$27.20
Cook, Mitchell Gregory	1999	0100293	\$50.57
Coolsprings Enterprises Inc.	2000	0143874	\$40.30
Cordell, Larry Eugene	1999	0093890	\$20.63
Cowden, William W.	1999	0141515	\$40.12
Craddock, Brian Lee	2000	0144596	\$30.74
Craig, Benjamin Wayne	2000	0081202	\$32.32
Dade, Leola Thomason	1999	0104155	\$40.34
Dellinger, Bobby W.	1999	29542	\$55.43
Drum, Joe Dean	2000	0066175	\$16.70
Duncan, Richard Wellington	2000	0137517	\$83.79
Gales, Gary Ray Lee	1999	0094448	\$34.58
Garcia, Carlos Reyes	1999	0132815	\$45.80
Gilmore, Karen Riddle	1999	0131227	\$68.84
Gold, Roger Dale	1999	0123896	\$29.37
Gordon, Johnny Douglas	1999	0143851	\$54.24
Grant, Brande Michelle	1999	0143813	\$36.67
Griffin Buic Pontiac GMC Tk	1999	0100353	\$19.20
Grossheim, Richard Harding	1999	0143542	\$34.73
Guido, Alberto Marchena	1999	0143398	\$17.66
Hagens, Diane Boback	1999	0143630	\$24.72
Hall, Elliott Eugene Jr.	1999	0081594	\$72.05
Hall, Raymond Dean	1999	0131468	\$16.99
Hammond, Rebecca Lynn	1999	0143442	\$16.14
Heavner, Joel D.	1999	02114	\$44.88
Hill, Jennifer Hope	1999	0142857	\$27.95
Holmes, Alan	1999/00	0098644	\$57.51
Houser, Pearl	1999	18161	\$8.76
Humphries, Cynthia G.	2000	0135835	\$51.57
Hurtago, Jaime Alberto	2000	0066993	\$18.40
Iddings, Joe Miller	2000	0078391	\$21.38

Inman, George Wayne	1999	0108044	\$6.44
Jenkins, Johnny R.	1999	0099972	\$25.87
Johnson, Angela Diane	1999	0142912	\$5.93
Jones, Patricia Sluder	1999	0129124	\$4.63
Karlson, Robert A.	1999/00	0100791	\$34.24
Killian, Timothy Scott	1999	0075385	\$56.10
Lambirth, Jimmy Albert	1999	0072619	\$9.57
Lane, Wiley Michael	2000	0069307	\$35.55
Lawrence, Peggy Branch	1998	0074631	\$16.77
Leitch, William Earl	1999	0106920	\$57.91
Leviner, Becky Kilimnik	1999	0142274	\$6.83
Lindsey, Melinda Halley	1999	0089901	\$20.61
Lopez-Fernandez, Jorge	2000	0144396	\$31.24
Lunceford, Stephanie Jon	1999	0075687	\$30.88
Lynch, Boyce Albert	1999	0094984	\$35.26
Mace, Paul W.	1999	0119363	\$2.28
Mason, Ernest M.	1999	0098479	\$9.51
Mayo, Danny F.	1999	0110389	\$28.12
McCall, Anita Branch	1999	0136438	\$23.31
Mundy, Curtis Lee	1999	0102157	\$23.15
Muniot, Betty Jones	1999	0109750	\$49.45
Payne, Gerald C.	1999	0138083	\$50.27
Pendleton, Steve Broudis	2000	0107617	\$23.02
Pfohl, Leonard S. Jr.	1999	0128789	\$26.60
Phil Parsons Racing	1999	0114266	\$34.79
Pope, Sheridan Lee	1999/00	0093730	\$4.43
Powell, Robert C. (PA)	1999	25819	\$32.32
Pugh, Herbert Daniel	1999	0143514	\$19.38
Queen, Gary D.	1999	0105841	\$29.32
Rhodes, Johnny Edgar Jr.	1998/99	0132647	\$41.61
Rhyne, Robert Wesley Jr.	1999	0105527	\$5.07
Richardson, Christopher Jody	1999	0080983	\$82.24
Scheffer, Ranna Jo	1999	0135558	\$14.04
Sepahrom, Lisa Couet	1999	0130942	\$24.38
Sherrill, Aubery Gene	1999	09013	\$32.48
Shoemaker, Ronald R.	1999	0131797	\$20.99
Smith, Daniel Eugene IV	1999	0128471	\$46.39
Smith, L. C. Jr.	1999	0084937	\$41.31
Spradley, Nannie Lou	1999	0106855	\$13.05
Stanley, Shannon Dale	1998	0135664	\$29.36
Stewart, Christopher Gordon	1999	0143828	\$91.00
Stewart, Harold Brian	1999	0139039	\$57.24
Tallent, Harold Eugene	1999	0096606	\$6.88
Tar Heel Construction	1999	0112464	\$56.63
Thompson, Evelyn Otero	1999	0119973	\$22.33
Towery, David James	1999	0088114	\$8.36
Tunstall, Debra V.	1999	0134241	\$15.28
Vinson, Charles Huston	1999	0116872	\$14.22
Wease, Glen Darrell	2000	0095644	\$13.80
White, Lewanne Neal	1999	0143751	\$20.17
Whitley, Jerry	2000	21970	\$2.43
Willard, William	2000	0066256	\$15.34
		TOTAL	\$3,412.68

MORE THAN \$100

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Depaul Community Facilities	2000	0140674	\$12,851.51
Harbor House Old Marker 16	1999	0133299	\$763.13
Sadler, Danny	1999	0090720	\$143.01
		TOTAL	\$13,757.65

LESS THAN \$100

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Burford, Jesse Lamar	1997	0110960	\$68.80
Fowler, Carl E.	1999	36155	\$63.50
Johnson, William Lee Sr.	1999/00	18808	\$19.56
Lanier, Max Truman II	1996-00	0092012	\$15.59
McSwain, Thomas Edward	1999	0086075	\$15.25
Scronce, Lori Michael	1999	46153	\$20.91
Smith, Ronnie	1999	10470	\$2.17
Summers Robert School	1999	0133321	\$50.88
Trent, Clinton Dewayne	1999	0127569	\$77.02
		TOTAL	\$333.68

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 (and) #105-325 including (A) (6)

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Abernethy Realty, Inc.	2000	BCFD	24239	\$14.43
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Beal, Norma A.	2000	N321	0109622	59.99
Beard, Joel S. Jr.	2000	SFFD	06114	57.21
Beason, Danny & Sherry	2000	HCFD	0131378	20.59
Beason, Danny & Sherry	2000	HCFD	013178	20.59
Benfield, Hanna L.	2000	ELF/ELSD	0124395	92.21
Bivens, Michael & Marcia	2000	BCFD	0098932	40.86
Bryan, George B.	2000	CRFD	0071286	28.96
Buffalo Ridge LLC	2000	N321	0134652	17.62
Burch, Anthony A. & Laura A.	2000	ALFD	0143990	17.88
C & M Land Co.	2000	HCFD	0098860	12.03
C & M Land Co.	2000	HCFD	0133404	90.32
C & M Land Co.	2000	HCFD	0133404	38.25
C & M Land Co.	2000	HCFD	0133404	8.64
C & M Land Co.	2000	HCFD	0133404	43.82
C & M Land Co.	2000	HCFD	0133404	67.81

Caldwell, Max A & Max Jr.	2000	BCFD	0133727	14.24
Caldwell, Max A. & Max Jr.	2000	BCFD	0133727	14.24
Carpenter, Michael S. & Gwendolyn R.	2000	UNFD	0126192	13.80
Carswell, Ronny & Betty	2000	NBFD	35777	7.37
Carswell, Ronny & Betty	2000	NBFD	35777	7.10
Cook, Ray Jr. Mrs. (Gertrude)	2000	CRFD	04986	21.83
Dean, Floyd & Motz, Troy	2000	PCFD	0135930	11.41
DeClue, Darrell R. & Beverly	2000	DFD	0135313	26.70
Elmore, Emmitt, Jr., Heirs of	2000	UNFD	03553	32.90
Goodson, Patty K. & Jerry	2000	BCFD	0129495	41.30
Goodson, Stanley M. & Linda C.	2000	BCFD	13673	83.71
Hamilton, Rhonda M.	2000	NBFD	0119331	7.79
Hass, Paul E. & Camilla J.	2000	ELF/ELSD	36892	71.65
Heafner, William & Debra	2000	PCFD	06050	10.75
Heafner, William & Debra	2000	PCFD	06050	6.56
Heafner, William & Debra	2000	PCFD	06050	51.23
Heavner, Bobby H.	2000	HCFD	02082	46.07
1`Helms, William C.	2000	BCFD	44585	18.07
Innes, Donald R.	2000	PCFD	35943	18.38
Jones, Henry Alexander Jr. & Helena	2000	HCFD	0063750	98.01
Lesters & Boeing Assoc. LLC	2000	BCFD	0135274	61.09
Lewis & Motz Investments LLC	2000	DFD	0139898	28.09
Luke, Edward L. & Ann	2000	ELFD	20017	43.82
Mashburn, Larry Dean	2000	ELFD	20202	26.56
McSwain, Robert & Paula	2000	BCFD	38384	11.85
McSwain, Sharon	2000	N321	0138269	37.86
Miller, Pauline	2000	ELFD	20663	47.95
Miller, Stanley W. & Tina B.	2000	DFD	20671	4.60
Mincey, David Edward II	2000	BCFD	0066172	5.37
Morrison, R. Thomas Jr.	1999	CITY	0108116	25.91
Norwest Bank Minnesota	2000	N321	0141574	54.62
Piedmont Companies	2000	BCFD	0136745	18.69
Piedmont Companies	2000	BCFD	0136745	48.50
Pierce, Cathy	2000	BCFD	012033	9.18
Pleasant Grove, Inc.	2000	HCFD	0134723	17.82
Poovey, Keith David	2000	SFFD	0073197	67.43
Pratt, Marion J. & Sandra	2000	PCFD	14005	47.96
Primestar Properties, Inc.	2000	ALFD	0132272	23.88
Primestar Properties Inc.	2000	ALFD	0132272	27.89
Reinhardt, Sean A.	2000	ALFD	0117417	32.67
Sandpiper Bay of Denver LLC	2000	DFD	0140701	23.20
Sandpiper Bay of Denver LLC	2000	DFD	0140701	23.20
Scoggins, Jeffrey W.	2000	ALFD	0110388	29.22
Sherrill, James F.	2000	PCFD	15548	13.09
Shipley, Lloyd & Linda	2000	UNFD	0124365	19.69
Turnmire, Dale A. & Freda B.	2000	HCFD	0110320	12.82
Vanpelt, Harry E.	2000	ELF/ELSD	0085335	82.91
Weber, Linda M.	2000	PCFD	14913	12.72
White, Douglas J. & Bonnie F.	2000	NBFD	0120466	49.60
Wilson, Thomas J.	2000	BCFD	0136745	51.02
Yount, James B. & Jane	2000	UNFD	04170	12.00

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NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
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Allen, Durham D.	2000	CRFD	0105318	\$303.17
Avery, Dora G.	2000	SFFD	05521	155.65
Beal, Myron James	2000	BCFD	12259	123.13
Caldwell, Max & Dorothy & Max Jr.	2000	CITY	0141176	250.70
Caldwell, Steven Mark	2000	BCFD	0108091	174.63
Carpenter, Ruth R., Heirs of	2000	CITY	11634	184.83
Chop, Raymond & Micalene	2000	DFD/ELSD	0134251	446.27
Cloninger, Ruth M.	2000	BCFD	12013	156.64
Corriher, T F. Jr.	2000	UNFD	03216	756.75
Covenant Development LLC	2000	CITY	0116104	1,538.97
Foster, R. B. Mrs.	2000	SFFD	17084	176.92
Foxworth, Larry & Callaway, Paul	2000	ELF/ELSD	0134359	185.82
Good, David & Carolyn	2000	UNFD	33450	110.83
Hamrick, Annette P. & Propst, Billie	2000	UNFD	0133828	225.33
Helms, William Charles	2000	BCFD	44585	115.14
Jackson, James E.	2000	ALFD	0131809	234.45
Lanlan LLC	2000	PCFD	0138758	946.58
Link's Chapel AME Zion	1999	BCFD	0113857	259.87
Mabry, Bobby & Angela	2000	DFD/ELSD	0098476	426.27
Neill, Howard F. & Nancy	2000	UNFD	04282	144.04
Phillip., D. L. Invest.	2000	DFD/ELSD	25789	804.54
Shipley, Lloyd & Linda	2000	UNFD	0124365	165.23
Sigmon Farms, Inc.	2000	ALFD	0121254	105.59
T & M Equipment Repair	1999	BCFD	0110828	100.70
Travis, Lee (Mrs. Lena)	2000	CITY	08718	161.08
Vonstaden, Patrick E. & Tina L.	2000	BCFD	09005	145.17

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NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Akardi, Catherine P.	1999	DD	0087147	\$3.16
Allen Caldwell Concrete Inc.	1999	BCFD	0126434	72.63
Anderson, Danny Ray Jr.	1999	DFD/ELSD	0131051	3.65
Associates Leasing Inc.	2000	CITY	0121812	10.21
Beck, Keith Darron	1999	UNFD	0096744	2.33
Bellack, Jack H.	1999	DFD/ELSD	0094534	36.39
Bentley, T. R. & Sara Jr.	1999	BCFD	12561	20.13
Brooks, Felix J.	1999	BCFD	0071966	8.34
Byars, Frank L.	1999	DFD	0132559	8.69
Caldwell, Harold B. & Mary	1999	CITY	04468	11.18
Campbell, David W.	1999	HSFD	04504	4.88
Campbell, Wendy Dianne	1999	DFD	0142983	11.71
Carolina Roofing Inc.	2000	SFFD	0128674	11.95
Crowe, John Rodney	1999	SFFD	0063009	6.91
Driver, Blaine E.	2000	ELFD	0094170	3.29
Finney, James A.	1998	N321	0101074	27.66
First Citizens Bank & Trust Leasing Dept.	2000	ELFD	0116512	59.84
Forsyth, Rosemary Sisk	1999	CITY	0117001	1.05
Gabriel, Afred Lee	1999	DFD	0067640	1.21
Glenn, Rebecca H.	1999	ELF/ELSD	0143442	16.14
Goodson, Eddie F.	1999	CITY	0104689	39.41
Goodwin, Carolyn H.	1999	NBFD	0070689	7.00
Grosshein, Richard H.	1999	ELF/ELSD	0143542	34.73
Gwinn, Danny S.	1999	HSFD	0072690	2.90

Haynes, Ray E.	2000	NBFD	38156	22.81
Hester, Annie	1999	CITY	06669	30.07
Hinson, Jeffery C. & Deborah	1996	N321	15554	2.73
Hoffman, John R. & Daphine	2000	CITY	06906	56.88
Huff, Mark Anthony	1999	N321	0136119	18.65
Julius Blum Inc.	1999	HSFD	0065636	1.91
Lester, Johnny Ray	1999	N321	0108336	1.61
Lilienthal, Olga S.	1999	DFD/ELSD	0102120	5.80
Macomson, Bethanna W.	1999	N321	0135496	8.19
Miller Masonry	1999	DFD	0101176	2.88
Mo's Builders Inc.	2000	BCFD	0078393	3.99
Moore, Alex F.	1999	PCFD	0106771	4.00
Morgan, Regina B.	1999	PCFD	0081973	17.20
Redmon, Christina Ann	1999	ELF/ELSD	0143777	1.40
Reep, Jeffery Scott	1999	N321	0090738	6.24
Sain, Jeffrey L.	1999	UNFD	0093295	1.56
Sherrill, Joan J.	1999	HCFD	0134992	7.29
Smith, Algie N.	1999	ALFD	16406	24.69
Solis, Vanessa G.	1999	CITY	0141249	13.00
Stewart, Laverne R.	1999	ALFD	0114799	9.04
Stirrett, Kelli Ann	1999	CITY	0140190	13.00
Stoner, Jonathan Lee	1999	ELF/ELSD	0116928	14.91
Summitt, Richard C.	1999	ALFD	0078267	6.01
Taylor, Harry	1999	DFD/ELSD	0090344	4.00
Wentworth, Herbert G.	1999	ELF/ELSD	0084604	7.57
Wylie, Stanley D. Jr.	1999	PCFD	0125841	6.85

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

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Asplundh Tree Expert Co.	2000	ALFD	0066576	\$1,993.48
Asplundh Tree Expert Co.	2000	CITY	0066576	242.65
Associates Leasing	1999	CITY	0121415	145.92
Associates Leasing	1999	ELF/ELSD	0121415	107.1
Carolina Roofing Inc.	2000	SFFD	0128674	364.48
Don L. Leasing Group DB Inc.	1999	ELF/ELSD	0142816	320.61
First Union National Bank	1999	CITY	0117675	258.55
VT Inc. AS Tstee World Omni LT	1999	DFD/ELSD	0126435	115.48

Budget Adjustments:

- Budget Adjustment No. 12 to encumber tax GIS equipment ordered in June.
- Budget Adjustment No. 13 increasing expenditure and revenue accounts for funds approved in SmartStart budget to purchase two computer/printers for workers in Adolescent Parenting and Family Preservation Programs and for additional funds approved for service program needs in the adolescent Parenting Program.
- Budget Adjustment No. 14 to budget funds from fund balance for economic development project approved June 5.
- Budget Adjustment No. 15 to budget monies from Lowes Companies to provide Bicycle Safety Rewards.
- Budget Adjustment No. 16 for March of Dimes Grant to purchase Folic Acid Vitamins.

Sponsored Group Status: Lincoln County Gideons

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.

Being no one wishing to make public comments, Chairman Hallman declared the Public Comments Section closed.

New Business: Advertised Public Hearing: Chairman Hallman announced that this was the date, Monday, August 7, 2000 and the time, 5:30 PM, which was advertised in the *Lincoln Times-News* on August 11 and 18, 2000.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and Planning Board will hold a joint meeting and public hearing at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, August 21, 2000 to consider the following watershed related matters:

WSMA #3 Lincoln County, applicant: Due to the change that was made in the interpretation of the WS-IV Protected Area definition. The Environmental definition, on July 6, 1996, of the "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. The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners approved a request for a resolution of the Environmental Management Commission (NCDENR) to change the Watershed IV Protected Areas in Lincoln County. The North Carolina Division of Water Quality (NCDENR) has approved that request on August 10, 2000.

Watershed Map Amendment No. 3 - Lee Lawson presented the following information.

The request is to remove the highlighted regions from Watershed IV Protected Areas due to the 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 the "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. The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners approved a request for a resolution of the Environmental Management Commission (NCDENR) to change the Watershed IV Protected Areas in Lincoln County. The North Carolina Division of Water Quality (NCDENR) has approved that request on August 10, 2000.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that he is going to ask the same question he did the last time, how do they measure it. He asked if you have to get in the stream to follow it, and

walk it, and measure it. He stated that it looked like it was real simple when you could lay a ruler down with a scale.

Lee Lawson stated that they actually have it where they can digitize streams now, due to someone's actually walked that channel using a GPS system, and actually digitize those streams and then delineate using that on a map.

Commissioner Waters stated that they do it off the maps as far as he knows.

Chairman Hallman opened the Public Hearing for Watershed Map Amendment No. 3 – Lincoln County, applicant.

Being no one wishing to speak on Watershed Map Amendment No. 3, Chairman Hallman declared the Public Hearing closed.

The PB reconvened to the second floor balcony.

Motions Concerning Hospital –Commissioner John Gamble: Commissioner Gamble stated that he had put that in there. He provided the following statement concerning the hospital. He noticed that some people still don't believe the hospital is losing money even when their own statement says they are, but that's alright, we've had that problem before. On this area, I have put them in on the form of motions and we can take them collectively or one at a time. It was my idea that we should have a permanent agenda item on the Hospital and I will make a motion on all these when I'm finished. I had moved that we go over the June statement of Hospital and note the huge losses in one month and then do what I just referred to and put a place in the agenda for motions reference the hospital. These are the active motions. Require a pro forma report done by a firm such as Ernst and Young which would show in black and white what any proposed hospital affiliation would do for us in one year, two years, and five years before we considered an affiliation agreement by anyone with the Lincoln County Hospital.

Number two of those motions is request of the State Auditor, Mr. Campbell, to complete an audit of Lincoln Medical Center for 55 through 99. The reason I put that in there, until we get something in the book, and in black and white, it still hasn't met the proposal done two years ago that we have an audit, which everybody agreed to, but we just don't get it. And I'd like to say this, Onslow County has recently had a report of a Citizen's Review Committee, and have found out that what they said they would get in their trade or affiliation, they can't get and won't get. It's just not there, the numbers don't even support it being there. So, I would like to say as a matter of background, that last year the CEO of the Hospital in Onslow County, and that's Jacksonville, a big county where these Army bases are. He did a lot of things and I verified this by calls personally to the County Manager's Office in Onslow County and someone else I know in Onslow. One of which was to hire a man to do a specific job for \$90,000, the man didn't do the job but got paid anyway. That's just when somebody's not watching the hen house. And to back that up, the doctor's here's various practices were bought by our CEO but ended up with Carolina Physician Network. Let's just say this, you buy a man with a work crew, and you agree to pay him \$90,000. And before you know it, after you've paid it, the manager of that business has turned around and turned that work crew over to another ownership

agency. And that's what happened here on our doctors, and we paid lots of big, hundreds of thousands of dollars for doctors groups and didn't get their services and didn't get paid anything for when they got the services of that group. That's an example of what a permanent place in our agenda would mean to our understanding of what the hospital is about. I don't think anybody in Lincoln County knowingly thought that they were buying something that was going to lose money and then we turn around and turn our face to it. We just wouldn't see the loss. I had a notification today that it was time for put up or shut up, yet all they have to do is read the statements of the hospital itself to get the shut up and the put up, it's in the statement themselves from the hospital, it's not from me, it's their figures. So, I would like to make a motion, Mr. Chairman, that we put a place on our agenda on a permanent basis to receive motions relative to the hospital on a monthly basis. I believe there are two of them here, and I would like to include those two in that motion, but for future date just say motions that would be effective on our hospital operation and the money involved coming from the county.

Chairman Hallman stated that he would like to take the motions one at a time, stating that the first motion Commissioner Gamble made was to make a hospital report a permanent agenda item. He asked if this means that the Board will discuss it. He stated that a copy of the hospital's report is issued to each Commissioner on a monthly basis.

Commissioner Gamble stated that this is correct, but it's not on the Board's agenda.

Commissioner Brotherton asked if this would just be for review.

Commissioner Gamble stated that it would only be information the Board would be sure appeared in the agenda.

Chairman Hallman stated that he does not know anything wrong with this, since everybody already gets a copy.

Commissioner Waters stated that apparently LHS, Lincoln Hospital System, is now to a short list of who they were going to affiliate with. He stated that this is hearsay, so he does not have anything to base this on, besides the fact that he has talked to a gentleman who was on the long list and got a Dear John saying he is not on the short list. He asked when the Board will be told this officially by the Hospital Board and if the Board will ever see any details of the proposals received. He asked when it will be public knowledge. He asked if the Hospital can be separated from Lincoln County citizens.

Chairman Hallman stated that at the present time, the affiliation committee is still working on the rfp's. That has not been completed yet, but his understanding is that once it is completed, it will go to the Hospital Board and the Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Hallman stated that he has to be careful to not breach the requirement he is under. He stated that at the present time, the affiliation committee is reviewing the replies, the rfp's. He stated that this work is not completed yet, maybe Thursday. He stated that they have another meeting Thursday.

Commissioner Waters asked if the Board will be told once there is a short list and who is on it, without requiring him to sign something saying he will not talk about it.

Chairman Hallman stated that he would imagine whenever the word is turned loose that it will identify the recommended candidate.

Commissioner Waters asked if it will come to him from the newspaper.

Chairman Hallman stated that he will inform this Board as soon as he is clear to do it.

Commissioner Brotherton asked if his thinking is correct that ever how many on the short list, they have no obligation to share the various proposals and the details of those proposals with this Board. It's most likely to come down to their recommendation of possible affiliation or sale, but they are under no obligation of a requirement to provide the Board with the detailed information of the players proposals.

Chairman Hallman stated that this is what he is lead to believe; that this is the way it has to be.

Commissioner Waters stated that there may be no legal obligation, but there's certainly a moral obligation. He stated that he does not know if there's a legal obligation or not, but does not see how you can separate Lincoln County Medical System from Lincoln County. He stated that the Commissioners set up the 501(c)3 organization, and appoint the members of that Board. He asked how it can be said that they have no obligation to tell the Board what's going on.

Chairman Hallman stated that they offered to make the Commissioners privy to the information, but legal counsel for the hospital recommended that before any information was divulged, a confidentiality agreement be signed. He stated that nobody wanted to sign it, and consequently no information was given.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that if they should decide to affiliate with another medical firm, actually their proposal, from the proposed firm would be submitted for approval. He stated that the Board wouldn't have any knowledge as to whether this is the best deal. He stated that maybe the Board's opinion is not important, theirs is the one that's binding on it. He stated that he would like to be able to read everyone's proposal that's a player in this thing.

Commissioner Waters stated that he would like to at least see the top three. He stated that the guy who got the Dear John letter was throwing numbers around, like something in excess of \$20 million his organization was willing to pay Lincoln County to take over our hospital. He stated that he would think we would get a better deal than that. He stated that we have as much right to know who's being considered for an affiliation as the Board of the Lincoln Hospital. He stated that he doesn't know how the Board can make a decision yes or no without the information they are talking about.

Commissioner Brotherton asked if it would be improper for Jeff Taylor or Stan Kiser to request that each Board member be provided with the proposals presented for those on the short list. He stated that the Board cannot make a decision, but he feels it would be good just for information purposes.

Commissioner Gamble stated that this is all about keeping a hospital for Lincoln County. He stated that we have no reason not to know what the best deal is.

Chairman Hallman advised Jeff Taylor to drop a note that the Board has inquired as to specifics of the short list of potential hospital affiliates.

Commissioner Gamble stated that we're here in the best interests of Lincoln County

Commissioner Brotherton stated that if you go to the supermarket wanting to buy apples, there's about a half dozen apples in the produce rack. He stated that you can pick the one you want. He stated that the position the Board's in, it will be dictated you pick this apple and it'll be best for you.

Commissioner Gamble stated that he was told by a high official from this Board that they did not know until this past summer that they had been losing money for 3 years. He stated that he could not get over it and did not even sleep good that night. He stated that he asked him again, and it's on record, they didn't know they were losing money for three years, and he doesn't know that they still don't know it.

Chairman Hallman stated that they've known all along that LMS has been a big rat hole.

Commissioner Gamble asked if Chairman Hallman sees a conflict of interest between his commitment to them and his commitment to Lincoln County.

Chairman Hallman stated that it puts him in an uncomfortable position.

Chairman Hallman stated that there is a motion on the floor by Commissioner Gamble to make the hospital report a permanent agenda item.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Jeff Taylor, County Attorney, recommended that the Board make a motion concerning the letter, which should ask for specifics.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that maybe they will feel more comfortable if the names of the people are not given out. They can be known as A, B, and C.

A MOTION by Commissioner Waters that the Hospital give the Board of Commissioners an executive summary without identifying the actual names of the proposed affiliation that shows the Board what the financial details are, and what amount of control the county will retain in the hospital.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Gamble stated that a good auditing firm could take six proposals and do pro formas on all six of them and tell a private board, "look if you take this one, you're 80 million dollars better off after twenty years than you are if you take that one. He stated that it's very important that the hospital be in a position to have from it's auditing or pro forma collecting agency to tell where we would be better off, by this proposal or that proposal.

Chairman Hallman stated that he thinks Commissioner Gamble is saying is that he would like to see a pro forma of all the people still in the running, without taking into consideration all the feel-good stuff they offer.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that if only one proposal is submitted for the Board's consideration, he wouldn't feel comfortable voting for something when he doesn't really know what he would be voting against.

Commissioner Waters stated that Chairman Hallman can certainly take back to the Hospital Board what the Commissioner's feelings are. He stated that he feels the consensus would be what Commissioner Brotherton just said, if we only get one proposal, we'll have a hard time voting on that.

Jeff Taylor, County Attorney stated that as he understands the feelings being expressed here, the Board is saying that the details of other proposals might have some bearing on the Board's willingness to approve a particular proposal.

Recommendations from the Planning Board: Watershed Map Amendment No. 3 –
Lee Lawson, Land Use Coordinator, stated that the Planning Board unanimously (5-0) recommended approval of the request.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Brotherton, the Board voted unanimously to approve Watershed Map Amendment No. 3.

Public hearing for Leash Law for Englewood:

Chairman Hallman opened the public comments section for a proposed leash law for Englewood Subdivision.

C.C. Geerken stated that he lives in Englewood Subdivision and the problem there is that there are a lot of loose dogs running around. Not only do dogs from that subdivision, but there are neighboring dogs from Springlake Road and Whistnant Road. On the other side is the school, so there are a lot of kids running around. He stated that they would like to get these dogs tied up and leashed. If they are not, they'd like to call the dog warden to pick up the dogs. He stated that the unfortunate thing is they are not on a state road, they are a dirt road, they are not incorporated and have no say about the road. He stated that they are on one of the roads that was put in in 1981 and fell between the cracks. He stated that if they call the warden, he says he cannot come on the road, and the Sheriff

supposedly cannot even come on the road. He stated that they are taxpayers and would like to see something done about the dogs. Mr. Geerken stated that they are working on the road, trying to get Sue Myrick and Senator Hoyle involved to get the road paved. He stated that the road is a hazard.

Commissioner Waters stated that according to the petition, there are 18 out of 21 in favor of it.

Chairman Hallman asked how many lots there are in the subdivision.

Mr. Geerken stated that there are 33 lots in the subdivision, but some owners own two lots.

Commissioner Waters stated that he has a hard time believing that the Sheriff can't go on a private road. He stated that he has a hard time believing that is forbidden territory for the Sheriff's Department, Leash Law or not.

Jeff Taylor, County Attorney, stated that in the absence of the Leash Law, even if there's something to do with a violation of a criminal statute or not, there's a provision for a county official to get an administrative search warrant, to allow staff to go onto private property.

Commissioner Waters stated that if five of these dogs killed his pet dog, he'd have a reason for one of these administrative search warrants.

Jeff Taylor said that absolutely this would be a reason. He stated that he'd only have to go to the Clerk of Courts Office.

Commissioner Gamble stated that if Mr. Jeff had a pet dog and Legislature Waters had a pack of ten dogs, and they killed Jeff's pet dog, what could be done.

Commissioner Waters stated that he could be arrested for having a pack of dogs that were not under control.

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

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to add Englewood Subdivision to the Leash Law with an effective date of October 1, 2000.

Addressing Ordinance Public Hearing: Jeff Taylor, County Attorney, stated that on that item, there was nothing in the Board Packets. He stated that this is the continuing saga concerning the Addressing Ordinance. He stated that they have discovered some conflicts between the General Statutes and our current ordinance, as well as the proposed ordinance. He stated that there's a possibility that at some time we were exempted. He recommended convening the Public Hearing and continuing it to September.

Chairman Hallman opened the Public Hearing on the Addressing Ordinance.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to recess the Addressing Ordinance Public Hearing until September 11, 2000.

Work First County Block Grant Plan Model – Susan McCracken:

Susan McCracken stated that she and her two staff members are here and wish to recommend and provide information about the Work First Plan Model for 2001 – 2003. She stated that this is very similar to the first Work First Plan almost three years ago. She stated that at that time, it had been the agency's and county's recommendation to go for standard plan with the state. She stated that she thinks that was done because of some fears the state had developed for the county, that we would be left stranded, unable to have any access to state supports and unable to do some of the things and be able to have some of the access to state computer systems that the county needed. She stated that at this time, they have not found those fears to be recognized, and actually have found while being an electing county have benefited greatly and to the tune of \$269,000. She stated that those are funds we have earned being an electing county, and excess funds that we have been able to spend, not only to support needs of the agency such as computers and automobiles, but also for programs particularly children's services and our foster care system. She stated that we have benefited from being an electing county. She stated that they have not received any guarantees from the state or federal government on the monies available. Ms. McCracken stated that the other option she is asking for is for the opportunity to develop a plan where they can move on from where we are today, and have some ability to decide some things for ourselves, the county, and the citizens we serve. She stated that to be able to do that, they are asking the Board to be in charge of this plan, to make these decisions, and to help them in making a plan that will take a considerable amount of the Board's time. Ms. McCracken stated that everything throughout the requirements the state have set forth give specifics that any county wanting to be an electing county, the Commissioners are responsible. She stated that this can only be done with the Board's recommendation and support.

Ms. McCracken stated that she and her staff have talked about this at length and are willing to do whatever they can do to develop the plan, to write the plan, to bring the community together, to bring citizens together to help them make these decisions, but in effect it's the Commissioners plan. She stated that the plan has to be developed, written, and submitted to Raleigh by December 1, 2000.

Chairman Hallman asked the difference between the electing status for this WorkFirst Plan versus the previous electing status.

Susan McCracken stated that it basically spells out in the materials presented the decisions the Board can make. She stated that there are various things we can do to develop a new and different program.

Chairman Hallman stated that if he remembers correctly with the last plan, the Social Service Department, primarily the staff and the Board put together the last plan. The Commissioners then went over it, making recommendations, and then they adopted it.

He asked if the Board would be more detailed in the development of the plan.

Ms. McCracken stated that she would hope the Commissioners would bring ideas, thoughts on eligibility programs, and anything that would be of help and support. She stated that they are willing to take the Board's ideas and then sit down and write the plan.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that he was reading that the General Statutes require a Planning Committee. He asked if this was something that was in place with members that could just be reappointed.

Susan McCracken stated that it was not a group that is still serving, but is a group they have convened in the past year. She stated that it is a board of individuals who have met with them on a regular basis to talk about these problems, family needs.

Chairman Hallman stated that whatever assistance Ms. McCracken needs, if she'll set a date and he feels there will be a majority there.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to comply with the Social Service Board's wishes and become an electing status for the Work First Program.

Ms. McCracken asked for some dates the Board can meet.

Chairman Hallman suggested Ms. McCracken working with Clerk Amy Long to get some dates.

Progress Report on East Lincoln Library – Harold Cadmus: Harold Cadmus stated that he is here tonight at the request of the East Lincoln Library Planning Committee. He stated that they have asked him to present two proposals to the Board.

Dr. Cadmus stated that the first one deals with the site selection for the new library. He stated that the committee worked for five months, came up with specifications, and found five sites, all of which met the minimum specifications. Dr. Cadmus stated that they had the public meetings, evaluated all the sites, visited all the sites, and came down and selected two. He stated that when they got the two sites, they asked the Architects to walk the sites with them and go over them. Both sites got a clean bill of health and the architect said either one would be excellent for a library. Dr. Cadmus stated that a little over two weeks ago, they sat down and chose one of those sites. He stated that the proposal tonight deals with that site.

Dr. Cadmus presented the Board with handouts and reviewed the handouts with them. The owner of this property is Mr. Walton Shanklin, the property is 2.7 acres in size. He stated that he has talked to real estate people about this property, and this property is valued well in excess of \$200,000. He stated that Mr. Shanklin is donating all of this property to the county and to the citizens of east Lincoln County. Dr. Cadmus stated that the property on which the library is going to be located will eventually be developed into

an upscale residential neighborhood. He stated that this is why Mr. Shanklin was concerned with what will be put on the site.

Dr. Cadmus stated that Mr. Shanklin is going to give this property to the county. In addition, he is going to build the highways on all three sides, which are doublewide paved highways. He is going to put that all in. What he is requesting is that he would like to have the library named after his recently deceased wife, Florence Shanklin, he would like to have the library known as the Florence Shanklin Memorial Library. He is also requesting that 1.1 acres of the site be used as a memorial garden. He is only requesting that this piece of property be set aside and left in its natural state until such time as an agreement can be reached between the Shanklin family or other groups in east Lincoln and Lincoln County for the development of the garden area. Dr. Cadmus stated that developing the property into a garden is not part of the proposal tonight.

Dr. Cadmus stated that this leaves us with 1.6 acres for the library. He stated that Mr. Shanklin has a few other requests, one of which is an Environmental Preservation Clause which reads as follows: It is very important and it is understood that every effort will be made during the construction process to preserve the natural beauty of the 2.7 acre site and that, wherever possible, the older trees and forest will be preserved. Dr. Cadmus stated that Mr. Shanklin has two other requests one of which reads as follows: It is desired that during overall site preparation that this 1.1 acre site be cleared of small growth for appearance purposes. Dr. Cadmus stated that he has walked it and it is clean, there is very little stuff in there. He stated that this should be no major cost for the project.

Dr. Cadmus stated that the last proposal is that the County purchase the 0.7 acre parcel immediately west of the library site for the sum of \$50,400, which is approximately between 80 and 85% of the fair market value for that property. It is felt that this land would be an excellent location for a satellite law enforcement facility or other governmental office for the East Lincoln County.

Dr. Cadmus stated that Library Planning Committee has reviewed all of this information and is requesting that that the Board favorably consider their recommendation, as it is outlined in this proposal.

Chairman Hallman asked if this proposal has been presented to the Library Board yet.

Dr. Cadmus stated that they have not presented this to the Library Board yet, but they have three members of the Library Board on the Committee.

Chairman Hallman asked what kind of timetable needed to be following in acting on this proposal.

Dr. Cadmus stated that the sooner the Board could act, the better, because there are a lot of things that have to be done. He stated that the property has to be surveyed, the lots have to be laid out, they have to be registered, and Mr. Taylor has to start working on an agreement for the transfer of the property. He stated that the Board did authorize

expenditure of \$150,000 for the site, and the Committee has not spent any of that money. He stated that they were hoping that one-third of that money would be used to purchase the additional property, which would not be used for the library itself.

Commissioner Gamble asked if there are any restrictions with what the County could do with that piece of property if they bought it.

Dr. Cadmus stated that it would be open to the County, but there's probably going to be a need for a site for the Sheriff's Office, and the Chamber of Commerce is now in with the Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Hallman stated that if the County accepts this property and purchases the other property, it should be developed in keeping with the area. He stated that they should not throw up a metal building and make a Water Department Substation.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that he feels there is a lot of potential there. He stated that the Sheriff is presently renting office space. He stated that although he will not be here, he feels there is a lot of opportunity for a future Board to build somewhat of a small government complex to house the ambulance service, etc. He stated that there's a stop light there, it's in view of Hwy. 16, and it has good access. He stated that there are a lot of opportunities down the road for Lincoln County's use of that property.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that Mr. Shanklin is in the audience tonight. He recognized Mr. Shanklin for being so generous to Lincoln County.

Mr. Shanklin stated that his wife died a year ago in June, and it took part of his. He stated that he then realized that he has eight children, and he had to be there for them. He stated that this restored 100% of his life, but then he decided that he had to do something worthwhile, so he could stay busy and remember her. He stated that the first thing he decided is that she loved the outdoors, she loved nature and had the most beautiful flower gardens, wildflowers, vegetable gardens, this was her life. Mr. Shanklin stated that she just gave her life away for all of the children. He stated that many times for years to come, all their children, who are now in their 40's and two over 50 years old, come back to visit. He stated that his wife died suddenly and was in excellent health. He stated that his first thought was to make a memorial garden for her on this property. He stated that someone came to him with the idea to make the library and memorial garden as one. Mr. Shanklin stated that ten years ago, his son developed cancer, and he loved to walk in that area. He stated that he and Florence also liked to walk in that area. He stated that in July of last year he decided to make a memorial garden for her. He stated that his wife had been with the library system for over 17 years and she deserved more. He stated that it started with a rental trailer, and then two different rented spaces. He stated that he then started on another adventure, visiting libraries in different counties. Mr. Shanklin stated that he read in the paper that the Board had offered \$150,000 for a site. He stated that he made two presentations with all his ideas. He stated that he hopes they will see the facility very soon. He stated that with the garden itself, he may set up an endowment for this purpose. He stated that his wife asked a few months before she died, what they would say about her after she died. He stated that he sat down the day after she died

wrote what they would say. Mr. Shanklin stated that she lived and she died, and she was as important to him and to anyone who knew her, as anyone who ever lived. He stated that this is why he has done this.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Brotherton, the Board voted unanimously to proceed with pursuing the acquisition of Mr. Shanklin's property that is designated for the library, as well as the piece that he desires the County to purchase, subject to Jeff Taylor, Mr. Shanklin, and Mr. Cadmus' Board working everything out.

Dr. Cadmus stated that at last months meeting, when he was before the Board, he talked a little about finances for this project. He stated that they are meeting all day long on September 12 with 5 architectural firms, giving each of them one hour, and sitting down going through the whole process with them. He stated that he has been talking with these architects for 4 or 5 months, and visited with them. He stated that the first thing they want to know is what they are authorized to spend on the facility. He stated that when the Committee met a few weeks ago, it was a major topic of discussion, and they asked that he come before the Board and make a proposal that the Board commit to two figures, one for the construction of the library and the other one for the furnishing of the library. He stated that the Committee is recommending, after talking with the architects, that \$750,000 be authorized as a target to go forward to the architects with. They are asking for \$200,000 to furnish the library. Dr. Cadmus stated that through his research, these are reasonable numbers.

Dr. Cadmus stated that one architect decided not to do the project, because he did not feel like sufficient resources were allocated. He stated that this is not a loss, because he feels we can build a nice library with this figure. He stated that we have other architects that can do an outstanding job. He stated that he feels they can come in under this figure. He stated that the Committee would very much like to see the Board, there is a precedence for it, in the past other projects the Board has dealt with, for the Board to give some guidance as to how they are going to raise the money and what kinds of a figure we're looking at. He stated that the Committee needs to have a figure when they meet with the architects.

Commissioner Gamble asked what would be the official position of the status of this new library.

Chairman Hallman stated that they are working on it and up to the point of selecting an architect.

Commissioner Gamble asked if it will be part of the Lincoln County Library Board or a subdivision.

Dr. Cadmus stated that the library will always be part of the County. He stated that it will be a branch library, the main library will be here in Lincolnton.

Commissioner Gamble stated that it couldn't be picked up by some political party, who could say it would make a good memorial to the key politician last year. He stated that he is against that.

Chairman Hallman stated that the name is already included in the proposal.

Commissioner Gamble stated that it could not be altered like the past situation. He stated that he knows how people sneak around twenty years later and say we've had a wonderful this or that. He stated that he doesn't think we should take it away from this woman's memory to make it a political football.

Dr. Cadmus stated that it will be County property.

Chairman Hallman stated that the name could be memorialized in a deed restriction.

Chairman Hallman asked for the County Manager to come up with the funding to be handled at the next meeting. Chairman Hallman thanked Dr. Cadmus for the hard work he has put into this project.

Chairman Hallman called for a five-minute recess.

Chairman Hallman called the meeting back to order.

Americorps Partnership Program – Rick McSwain: Rick McSwain, Natural Resources Conservationist, stated that as the Department Head for the Soil and Water Office, he is here representing the Soil and Water Conservation District. He stated that he has presented the Board with a packet and hopes the Board has gone over it. He stated that there is a workload analysis that he did in 1997, which shows that they are 1.1 staff short and have been for about 4 years. He stated that he has asked in each budget process for a new position, but has been turned down for the last 4 years. He stated that there is now an opportunity through a grant process, the Division of Soil and Water has applied for a grant for thirty positions across the state and it's a first come first served basis. Mr. McSwain stated that they are wanting to know something by the middle of September. He stated that the position would have to work 1700 hours in a year, a specific job has to be picked for them to do. He stated that one of the options is doing urban conservation issues, working with Kelly Atkins, serving on the Subdivision Technical Review Committee, and also complaints that come into the office, all across the county, mainly on the eastern end with all the construction. Mr. McSwain stated that all this would cost the County is \$2500 and may be less than that. He stated that the County would hire this person, they would be stationed in the 2nd floor office, and the person could be in college or a graduate from college. He stated that it's more like a training process and if the person hired has a child, this program pays for 100% of their daycare while they are working. He stated that once a person was hired, the County would pay the first or second paycheck, after that they would continue to pay but the Americorp would fund the money back to the County. He stated that some money may go to training or mileage.

Commissioner Gamble asked who is on that Board.

Rick McSwain stated that the members are Tommy Houser, Beatrice Hoyle, Ken Ritchie, Blair Goodson, and Charles Wallace.

Commissioner Saine asked if this \$2500 is annually.

Rick McSwain stated that this is for one year, the position could go for as long as three years, but he doesn't know if they could get someone that would stay that long. He stated that it would be at least a year, and they would hope for two.

Commissioner Saine asked if the position went into two years, if the County would still only pay \$2500 per year.

Mr. McSwain stated that it would be only \$2500 per year.

Chairman Hallman stated that he would like to make sure that there are no strings tied after the three years.

Rick McSwain stated that it can go out before the three years is up, but the maximum is three years.

Chairman Hallman stated that if they are 1.1 people short have a lot of duties that take so many day, with the County having a no-overtime policy, he would assume that there is a lot of stuff not being done.

Mr. McSwain stated that it wasn't done to it's maximum potential that it could have been. He stated that for example, serving on the Technical Review Committee, if time runs short, basically he just goes out and looks at the subdivision or at the plats, if he has a lot of time, he has more written documentation, if not he just gives an oral. He stated that if they had another person, the amount of documentation and professionalism could be increased.

He stated that this analysis was done in 1997/98 and he's sure the workload has increased since then. He stated that they have 2 technicals, one federal – all the County does is provide him with office space, and they in return provide a truck, all mileage, repairs, upkeep of vehicle, office equipment, office desks, paper, pens, ink, copy machine - basically the office is operating on half his salary and a secretaries salary, which is about \$40,000 combined.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Waters the Board voted unanimously to proceed with this Americorps individual with a cost not to exceed \$2500.

Establishment of After Hours Service Reconnection Fee – Jack Chandler: Jack Chandler stated that currently the Public Works Department has a reconnection fee that is only set up for reconnection of service during the working day. He stated that for them to be able to perform that service during that day, and not go into any overtime pay, they

have to take requests for service reconnections before 3:00 PM. He stated that what he would like to do is to establish an additional fee and give people the option of coming in as late as 4:30 in the afternoon, pay the higher fee, and they would be able to afford to send someone out after 5:00 PM to reconnect their service. He stated that the After Hours Reconnection Fee is proposed to be set at \$50.00, and that is approximately the amount of money it would take to cover an employee making about \$12 per hour to go out for around a two hour trip. He stated that this would hopefully cover the fuel costs as well.

Commissioner Saine asked if this will be available every afternoon.

Jack Chandler stated that it will be established for Monday through Friday.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Gamble, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Mr. Chandler's recommendation.

Increase in Returned Check Fee – Jack Chandler: Jack Chandler stated that he would like to increase the returned check. He stated that currently they are only charging \$15 for a check that is returned due to non-sufficient funds and he would like to increase that fee to \$25. He stated that this is primarily in hopes that this will deter people from uttering these checks.

Chairman Hallman said that \$25 seems like the going rate for returned checks.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Gamble, the Board voted unanimously to increase the returned check fee from \$15 to \$25 for the Water Department.

Chairman Hallman stated that a long time ago, there was either a request for or a discussion about agricultural water use. He stated that he has had a couple people approach him about getting water, and he told them that to his knowledge the County did not have an agricultural fee and he didn't know that the County could guarantee agricultural water. He asked Mr. Chandler to check around with adjoining counties to see if they provide water for agricultural uses, how much they charge, and limitations. He stated that he has been approached about is drip irrigation.

Lease Agreement Transfer from Pathways to Gaston Skills: Stan Kiser, County Manager, stated that he contacted Pathways and they said there was no written lease that they knew of, it was their understanding that they pay \$69 availability fee each year.

Chairman Hallman asked if we know who owns Gaston Skills now.

Commissioner Waters stated that Pathways operates it now. He stated that the plan for the State Mental Health Board is that instead of being service providers, they would like the area mental health associations to be managers. He stated that they are pushing everybody to contract the services rather than actually provide them. Commissioner Waters stated that he happens to sit on that Board and has been through this with that

Board. He stated that they are taking the thing from being operated by employees of the Pathways, the Gaston-Lincoln Mental Health Association, they are taking the employees from there to go to work for Gaston Skills and the Pathways Organization will just monitor that instead of operate it. He stated that the citizens that we have on that Board, especially Wayne Lowe, agree with doing this and made sure that the services provided are not going to decrease. He stated that actually it looks like services will increase. Commissioner Waters stated that they are talking about closing Dorthea Dix Hospital in Raleigh, which is over six hundred beds under the same logic, and it looks like that is going to happen. He stated that the intent is rather than institutionalize people with mental disorders is to serve them on a local basis.

A MOTION by Commissioner Waters to transfer the lease from Pathways over to Gaston Skills and that the County Attorney will write a new agreement that will cover the County's interests.

Mr. Kiser asked if the Board wants to negotiate a new contract or just transfer the current agreement. He stated that he has been told there is no written agreement, just an understanding they've had.

Commissioner Waters stated that he thinks the Board ought to leave Jeff open to make a little addition to it if it seems necessary.

Jeff Taylor stated that there is certainly nothing wrong with an oral lease, but there might be good reasons we would have to want to have something in writing on it. He stated that he doesn't know of any other facility that there is not a written lease on.

Chairman Hallman stated that if for nothing else, it would be good to eliminate us from liability later on.

Jeff Taylor stated that this agreement is needed by Pathways by September 6, 2000. He asked if the Board would need to see it after it is completed.

Commissioner Waters asked if it is an unending lease, or if it is done every year.

Stan Kiser stated that he thinks it is just a standing lease.

Commissioner Waters stated that he doesn't feel the Board has any problems with that.

Commissioner Gamble stated that he has a problem with it, he feels there should be a lease.

Commissioner Waters stated that Mr. Taylor doesn't have time to bring this back to another meeting before it is due in.

Commissioner Gamble stated that the Board won't see it if he does it that way.

Commissioner Waters stated that he is trying to give Jeff the authority to make that lease. He stated that there will be a renewal somewhere in that lease.

Jeff Taylor stated that we could do it on an annual self-renewal basis, if neither party notifies the other party within 30 days prior to expiration.

Commissioner Waters stated that this could be done on a calendar year, so that would only give until January and it could be changed then.

**Vote: 4 – 1 AYES: Waters, Hallman, Brotherton, Saine
NOES: Gamble**

Stan Kiser stated that the Board may want to talk about the changing of the lease on vehicles over. He stated that they are wanting to transfer the lease over to Specialized Transport for the vehicles we have there.

Leon Harmon stated that Erma Deen Hoyle has checked with the State on this. He stated that the vehicles that are there, there is no County money involved in the purchase of those vehicles. He stated those are purchased through the State/Federal money and Mental Health funds cover the local portion of it. He stated that Erma Deen Hoyle checked with the Transportation Coordinator, somebody in Raleigh, and they said it could be done, they are wanting to sublease them to a private transportation care. Mr. Harmon stated that they have told Ms. Hoyle that it would have to be done in public, advertised and give other people the chance to bid. He suggested going through the Local Transportation Committee, letting them work with the State on working out the details, since they really don't belong to the County anyway.

Amendments to Appointment Policy: Jeff Taylor presented the Board with the following Appointment policy with the amendments in ***bold italics***.

APPOINTMENT POLICY TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

PREAMBLE

Over the last several years, the County Board of Commissioners has undertaken a number of activities to make Lincoln County Government more accessible to its citizens. The Board meetings are fully advertised and there is a formal agenda process which includes an opportunity for citizen participation. The Board has encouraged public dialogue on a number of issues of public concern. On behalf of the Board, the County Manager's office prepares a monthly calendar of meetings and events. Finally, the Board has actively solicited broad-based citizen involvement on the various boards, commissions, committees and task forces that it appoints.

As each advisory organization has been established, reestablished or empowered, the mission statement and purposes have been clarified, operating and purposes have been clarified, operating procedures have been determined, terms of office have been

established and the relationships to other functions of local government have been defined.

A number of advisory bodies have been reviewed or created recently. The Planning Board was reestablished, The Board of Adjustment has been defined. The number of the Hospital Board of Trustees has been expanded. The Council on Aging was established. The Emergency Services Advisory Council (ESAC) and the Local Emergency Planning Committee have been combined to form the Emergency Services Advisory and Planning Council.

The philosophy of access to local government has been inherent but not necessarily articulated. Perhaps it is now time to clearly establish the Board policy on appointments.

POLICY ON APPOINTMENTS

The following policy guidelines are approved:

-All appointed bodies should be broad based and represent the diversity of Lincoln County Citizens.

-All appointments should be timed to allow for an orderly transition and continuity.

-Terms of appointment should be staggered and fixed by beginning and ending dates.

-Appointees are permitted to serve continuously for a maximum of six years or two terms, whichever is greater. The Board of Commissioners recognizes that while the term of service is three years for most county boards, state law and/or other requirements provide for longer terms on certain boards (for example, four-year terms for appointees to the Gaston College Board of Trustees), and the intent of this provision is to allow appointees in such instances to serve two full terms instead of being limited by the six-year time period.

-Appointment to fill an unexpired term will be counted as a zero term of service and will not count toward the six-year/two-term limit.

The Board of Commissioners recognizes the difficulty of obtaining commitments from qualified citizens willing to serve on the numerous boards to which it makes appointments. Therefore, the Board may waive the six-year/two-term limit in individual cases upon a finding by four-fifths of the Board of Commissioners that (1) reasonable efforts have been made to locate another qualified citizen who is willing to fill the vacancy in question and (2) waiver of the term limit in the particular instance is necessary for the continuity and efficient operation of the board in question.

-Citizens who are willing and able to serve should express their interest to a County Commissioner or to the County Manager.

-Citizens may be reappointed after being off the Board, Commission, or Committee for a period of 1 year.

Note: This Appointment Policy incorporates the attached brief descriptions of the Boards, Commissions and Committees and application form, as amended the 5th day of August 1991, July 11, 1994, January 16, 1995, and **August 21, 2000**.

Commissioner Saine stated that there is a limitation on the terms a person can serve. She asked if there are any limitations on the number of Boards a person can serve on. She stated that she knows of one individual who serves on three different Boards.

Jeff Taylor stated that he doesn't know of any limit by local rules or Board policies. He stated that there is a limit by State Law, technically a person can only serve in one elected and one appointed position, or two appointed positions. He stated that the third appointment would be null and void. He stated that ex-officio appointments are a different circumstance.

Chairman Hallman stated that this should probably be put in the Appointment Policy that we'll conform to the State Statutes, limiting this.

Jeff Taylor stated that he will put it in there, straight out of the State Statutes.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to accept this new appointment policy, adding the language from the State Statutes on the number of Board's one can sit on.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that it takes a lot to embarrass him, but at the last meeting he was embarrassed when the situation surfaced when the Board was looking at appointing citizens to some Boards. He stated that everyone knows the difficulty of finding citizens to serve on these Boards, and their political situation was openly questioned in this meeting as to what political party people were affiliated with. He stated that it is inappropriate to have to ask that question in public, because he's sure if those people would have been at the meeting it would have been embarrassing for them. Commissioner Brotherton stated that hopefully, in an effort to avoid that in the future, if some Commissioners base their decisions on whether they vote for an appointment purely on politics, he thinks it would be good if their political affiliation was looked up prior to the meeting to where it won't have to be brought out in public meeting. He presented Commissioner Gamble a printout, in alphabetical order of all the registered voters in Lincoln County.

Commissioner Gamble stated that he won't receive it. He stated that it is purely political and Commissioner Brotherton is stooping to his old tricks again.

Vacancies: Chairman Hallman presented the following vacancies.

Lincoln County Child Protection Team	1
Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee	4

Library Board – Ironton Township 1
Lake Norman Marine Commission (5 year appointment) 1

Chairman Hallman stated that on the Lake Norman Marine Commission, there are four regular members and a Chairman. He stated that whichever county's rotation it is for a chairmanship, they also have another board member. He stated that every fifth year, there is a chairman and another member appointed from Lincoln County.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that the Chairmanship hasn't applied to Lincoln County in the past.

Appointments: Commissioner Saine stated that at this time there are no appointments.

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

County Commissioners' Report:

Chairman Hallman presented letters to the Board, one from the Catawba Riverkeeper concerning the sewer spill, complimenting the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and the Lincoln County Public Works Department. The letter also complimented John Avery and Nancy Rickard, from the Solid Waste Department, for their work regarding possible leachate contamination from a County operated solid waste facility on Lake Norman.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that in the letter she refers to Lincoln County, and talks about the other counties not responding. He stated that if you've kept up with the deal in Iredell County with Carroll Webber, if she hadn't taken such an extremist view on the situation, all of that mess wouldn't have happened. He stated that Mr. Webber is in the process of suing eight people, including the Riverclown, and he hopes Mr. Webber cleans her plow.

Commissioner Gamble asked Commissioner Brotherton to explain this.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that the Riverkeeper leads people to believe they are some arm of government, but this is nothing more than a gal from Pennsylvania, living in South Carolina, trying to tell everybody what to do. He stated that people have gotten together and named themselves Riverkeepers. Commissioner Brotherton stated that if this lady had her way, there would be no treatment plants treating this waste and putting it in the lake.

Commissioner Waters stated that the Riverkeeper left it out of the letter that Maggie Dollar also helped in public relations. He stated that she got in on it late, but got signs out. He stated that Ms. Dollar did a good job for us too.

Chairman Hallman stated that recognition should be placed in all the employee's personnel files, who are listed in the letter.

Chairman Hallman presented a letter from East Lincoln High School, thanking them for the \$50,000 grant. He also presented a letter from LarsonAllen CherryBekaert, LLP, which presented a proposal. He asked if everyone was satisfied with it.

Commissioner Gamble stated that he does not have a problem with it, but was surprised that it hasn't been too long that CherryBekaert was not included in the list of CPA Firms that were considered top dog in the hospital business.

Chairman Hallman stated that the reason CherryBekaert was not included in the first go-round, because the agreement that was made precluded any auditing firms that had any business to do with the County or hospital. He stated that CherryBekaert was the County's auditing firm before a new firm took over.

Commissioner Gamble stated that everybody keeps dancing around conflict of interest.

There was a consensus of the Board that they were in favor of the proposal.

He stated that he will inform the Hospital Board that the Board was in favor of the proposal.

Commissioner Waters stated that went to Raleigh to the Commissioners' State Convention. He stated that he hopes that this was the start of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners' being represented there on a continuous basis and was the first representative from Lincoln County since 1979.

Chairman Hallman stated that he and Rick French went three years ago in Greensboro.

Commissioner Waters stated that he saw Mr. French there, and he confirmed that 1979 was correct. He stated that this is important because they give a lot of information that will help in understanding some of the things that get passed to the Board from Raleigh. He stated that one of them happens to do with the Mental Health Board. He stated that they also give some good information on block grants. Commissioner Waters stated that the County is back on the list and the rotation list for a district representative.

Chairman Hallman stated that he attended the meeting in 1997 and Stan Kiser was the authorized Voting Delegate in 1998. He stated that there was no one there in 1999. (Chairman Hallman added this sentence before the minutes were approved on September 11, 2000)

Commissioner Brotherton asked Mr. Taylor what kind of progress is being made concerning the East Lincoln Recreation Center. He stated that they had a 110 day buildout, and the goal was to get this thing completed by the basketball season. He stated that time is getting by on this.

Jeff Taylor, County Attorney, stated that he needs to get back with Erma Deen Hoyle on that.

Commissioner Saine stated that she had a call in regards to a situation at an old elementary school, and she talked with Jeff Taylor about it earlier.

County Manager's Report:

Stan Kiser, County Manager, stated that he talked with Jeff Emory, City Manager, and he sees no problem with a joint committee of City and County staff to discuss mutual issues. He stated that he proposed this committee so not to duplicate services or equipment. He proposed putting Jack Chandler, Director of Public Service, Brad Jewell, County Engineer, and Chris Henderson, Supervisor on the committee.

Mr. Kiser stated that concerning the water contract with the City, the holdup seems to be in the process with State approval. The City Council has agreed in principle with the contract and as soon as the plant receives state approval, he will run it before the Board.

Chairman Hallman asked how the hydraulic model was coming along.

Brad Jewell stated that they have just gotten some data back from the MIS Department on the amount of water consumed by customers. He stated that he will be getting the information to WK Dickson, then they can plug in the model. He stated that then they will have to do some flushing of hydrants to calibrate the model.

Finance Officer's Report: Leon Harmon stated that July is a fairly low revenue month for the County, we normally have more expenses usually than revenue coming in. He stated that in July, we were able to pay back from the Sewer District the loan to the General Fund of \$250,000, so that's now free and clear. The Sales Tax started coming in August, so none of that information was received in July. He stated that the State is talking about changing the sales tax distribution, the way it's calculated and the way it's allocated back to the Counties. General Fund overall is at 7%, the Water Fund revenues are at 9%, expenses at 3%. The Landfill Fund had July revenues of \$56,535 and expenses of \$31,256. The General Fund balance has decreased about \$1.6 million, because we had more expenses in July than revenue coming in.

Mr. Harmon stated that John Avery has included in this year's budget payments on a new roll-off truck. He stated that we bought one last year, the General Assembly changed the Statutes to where you can piggyback on your or another local government's purchases, where they have advertised and taken bids in the last twelve months. He stated that since we did that last year, Volvo is offering to sell another truck, a little better than the one bought last year, at the same price under the piggyback provision. He stated that Mr. Avery thinks it's a good deal. The cost of the truck is \$85,550, has a larger engine than last year and a 5 year/500,000 mile warranty on the engine and rear axle. He stated that to do that they have to advertise it and proceed to vote on it at the next meeting.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to pursue the piggyback, which lease payments are covered in budget anyway.

Other Business: No other business reported

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

Chairman Hallman advised that there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

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