

**LINCOLN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 1998**

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on February 16, 1998 at the Citizens Center, Commissioners Room, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 7:00 PM. The following were present:

Louis E. McConnell, Chairman
James A. Hallman, Vice Chairman
Terry L. Brotherton
Beth H. Saine
Larry S. Craig

Jeff Taylor, Assistant County Attorney
Richard French, County Manager
Stan Kiser, Assistant County Manager

Also present were Sheriff Barbara Pickens, Leon Harmon, Finance Director, and Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McConnell called the February 16, 1998 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order.

INVOCATION

Reverend Johnny Davis, interim pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chairman McConnell presented the Agenda for the February 16, 1998 Board of Commissioners meeting.

AGENDA**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****CITIZENS CENTER****FEBRUARY 16, 1998**

7:00 PM Call to Order

7:00 PM Invocation

7:00 PM Adoption of the Agenda

1. 7:05 PM State of the County Message
 Chairman Louis McConnell

2. 7:15 PM Approval of Minutes
 - January 26, 1998
 - February 2, 1998

3. 7:20 PM Consent Agenda
 - Tax Requests for Refunds
 Less Than \$100 – January 1 - 31, 1998
 More Than \$100 – January 1 – 31, 1998
 - Tax Requests for Releases
 Less Than \$100 – December 1 – 31, 1997
 More Than \$100 – December 1 – 31, 1997
 - Reimbursement Resolution for Contract Number One
 - Budget Adjustment # 41
 - Sponsored Group Status
 Maiden High School
 Lincolnton Theatre Guild
 - Accounts Requesting Adjustment
 January 10, 1998 – February 10, 1998

4. 7:25 PM Public Hearing – Green Acres Subdivision Leash Law

5. 7:35 PM Report on the New Lincoln Center of Gaston College
 Dr. Patricia Skinner

6. 7:45 PM Public Comments

7. 7:55 PM Public Hearing – Community Transportation Application

8. 8:05 PM Consideration of the South Central Piedmont
 Resource Conservation and Development Area Application

9. 8:10 PM County Summary Accomplishments – Elizabeth Snyder

10. 8:15 PM Vacancies

11. 8:20 PM Appointments

12. 8:25 PM County Commissioners' Report

13. 8:35 PM County Manager's Report
14. 8:40 PM Other Business
15. 8:45 PM Closed Session – Contractual and Personnel

Adjourn

Commissioner Larry Craig motioned to adopt the agenda with the addition of the following items: 5a – Grants for Sheriff's Department, 5b – Discussion of Impact fees, 9a – Update of the Incorporation of Denver.

Seconded by Commissioner James Hallman.
Unanimously approved.

STATE OF THE COUNTY MESSAGE

Chairman McConnell presented the State of Lincoln County Message for 1998 as follows:

STATE OF LINCOLN COUNTY MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 16, 1998

**LOUIS E. MCCONNELL
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

FELLOW COMMISSIONERS, GUESTS, AND CITIZENS OF LINCOLN COUNTY:

It is with pleasure and pride that on behalf of all your County Commissioners I once again report to you on the state of affairs in Lincoln County. Let me begin by thanking each of my fellow commissioners for their hard work and cooperative spirit during 1997. Each of us has a somewhat different perspective on good government, but we all share a strong commitment to operating the county in as business-like a manner as possible. We all agree that we must always strike a careful balance between thrift for the present and preparation for the future.

Let me also point out that our job as Commissioners is made easier and more pleasant by the fine cooperation from other areas of government such as the City of Lincolnton, our Legislative delegation and other elected officials.

Time will not permit me to properly recognize all the people who have made positive contributions to our county and its government during this year, so let me get on with reporting on the State of the County. I am pleased to report that Lincoln County is in excellent condition. Our economy is strong, employment is high, our fiscal position is sound and we are not embroiled in any major controversy, scandal or litigation. Our county is growing rapidly, yet we have been able to keep the size of our government under control even as we lay

the ground work for even more growth. Yes, we Commissioners are proud of the State of the County.

Lest anyone think we are foolish enough to claim credit for all these good things, let me hasten to point out yet another major blessing we all enjoy—the wonderful group of volunteers who so ably staff our boards, committees and life safety organizations. They are my heroes. The cost of government in this county would be truly staggering without them. Statewide, 1998 is the "Year of the Volunteer". I contend that every year, at least during my tenure in government, is a Year of the Volunteer in Lincoln County. I extend a simple but heart-felt THANK YOU to each of them.

The year 1997 in Lincoln County was one of solid and steady progress in our quest to manage the rapid growth which is inevitable and to preserve as much of our way of life as possible. The people are coming to Lincoln County without need for recruitment, and bringing with them ever increasing demands on our schools, law enforcement and infrastructure. This demands that we actively promote and recruit new industry and business to keep the tax base adequate to provide the services needed by more people.

We have spent more than a million dollars providing utilities to attract industry to the Indian Creek and Lincoln County Industrial Parks, and were fortunate to receive a \$400,000 block grant from the state to provide sewer service which enabled the Julius Blum company to expand. Our county water system is growing, having added more than 400 new customers in 1997 and will certainly be favorably affected soon by several new planned residential communities now being developed. We also received a state grant for water line construction on Old Plank Road, making yet another area more viable for business growth. We have appointed a task force to make recommendations concerning the East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District. We are confident that this task force and the new developments in progress will enable the district to provide its much-needed service in a fashion acceptable to everyone involved.

Our growth has seriously impacted our schools, and we have worked diligently to ensure that we have adequate facilities to give our children the education they deserve. We are in the final phase of the school construction program authorized by the voters in 1994, having issued 3.1 million dollars in 1997 for the renovations and additions at Love Memorial School. The two new Pumpkin Center schools are now under construction, and a project for renovations and additions at North Brook Elementary and West Lincoln Middle Schools is presently out for bids. It is good to be able to report that we are ahead of schedule with our school improvements, and at the same time have been able to postpone issuance of the final three million dollars in bonds until later this year, thus saving an appreciable amount of interest. Also, the conversion of the old High School to a Gaston College campus and senior center will be completed in 1998. The county has committed a million dollars to this project, and will pay the utilities and maintain the facility. We are proud of all these additions and improvements to our educational plant, and even prouder that all were accomplished without any tax increase. County Manager, Rick French, and his capable staff have once again done an excellent job of managing our monies so that we get maximum benefit.

New and improved buildings are not the only way we are working to keep our educational system abreast of the times. Our overall funding for education has

increased over a million dollars to \$10,870,000 in the 1997-98 Budget. We have also placed three resource officers from our sheriff's department in our schools to assure a higher level of safety for our most important asset—our children and their teachers.

In addition to the resource officers in the schools, the sheriff's department has added three more officers which enabled it to now have a full time lake patrol officer and to expand its patrol zones in the rapidly growing eastern part of the county. We are committed to working closely with the sheriff to give our people the best possible law enforcement on as conservative a budget as possible.

The new jail facility mandated by the courts for our county has been the subject of much conversation and controversy, and we Commissioners have been criticized by some for "dragging our feet". Perhaps we haven't set any speed records, but I think the result will be worth waiting for. Construction is now under way on a 164 bed facility which will also house the sheriff's offices and the E-911 facility, all at a price more than three million dollars less than the smaller facility originally planned. It is scheduled for completion in early 1999. Getting more for less is pretty important to us as Commissioners, and we think for the county as well.

More people mean more needs in almost every area of service. Under the capable management of John Avery our Solid Waste Department has done an outstanding job—doing much with little. Lincoln County has taken a lead role in disposing of our solid waste in an environmentally friendly manner. We have been fortunate to receive a Grant for more than \$178,000 for improvements in the White Goods Program at the landfill.

Our fine Lincoln Medical Center continues to do well with its programs to adapt to the new and rapidly changing arena of health care. Its new Lincoln Medical Arts Building was completed in 1997 and fully occupied by four medical practices shortly thereafter. Construction also began in 1997 and will continue through most of 1998 on a 40,000 square foot addition to the front of the hospital and numerous interior renovations and improvements. Lincoln Medical Center is much more than "just a hospital". Not only has it added two new ambulances and a quick response vehicle, it has implemented a new program with automatic defibrillators being carried by other emergency response teams. The Lincolnton and Boger City Fire Departments along with the East Lincoln and West Lincoln Rescue Squads will each have a unit, and be trained in its operation by LMS personnel. This means more opportunities to save more lives.

The Lincolnton-Lincoln County Airport continues to grow in a variety of ways. During 1997 the runway and tie-down ramp were extended, and two new hangars were constructed. The airport is now home base to a flight school, FAA certified repair facility, an air charter service and a small air cargo carrier. These operations now provide 14 full time jobs and 5 part time jobs. It appears that the decision to have the Airport Authority operate the facility like a business enterprise is working well.

Numerous other programs and departments in the county have had noteworthy accomplishments in 1997. Construction has finally begun on a long overdue and much needed animal shelter on the same property with the new jail. Humane Society volunteers have made it possible for us to "get by" with a very sub-

standard facility for a long time. Our entire community will benefit from this new facility.

I am also pleased to report that your Commissioners have voted to support the proposed new YMCA for the county. This will improve the quality of life for many of us.

We have also volunteered to participate in the "Work First Plan" which was established by the Legislature as part of the Welfare Reform Bill. The Plan gives the Department of Social Services a goal of reducing its caseload by 15 %, putting 155 adult recipients to work and to have 85% of families to remain off welfare after going to work. The DSS staff is enthusiastically working towards making these goals a reality.

In a further effort to develop programs to serve the needs of children in our county, we have taken the lead role in a joint corporation called Gaston / Lincoln, Inc. which has obtained state grants for participation in the Smart Start program.

Our remaining unspoiled natural areas and our heritage are two things your Commissioners feel strongly about preserving. We are working with Gaston and Mecklenburg counties to secure a grant to preserve a 1300 acre watershed and nature preserve on Mountain Island Lake, and we are excited about the results of the first year for our newly established historical coordinator. From "Welcome to Historic Lincoln County" signs on major highways to the wonderful mural in the Citizens Center to acquiring historical sites for the Historic Properties Commission to restoring the Huss-Crawley house—Darrell Harkey has had a busy year. He is another employee who has done "much with little". We have taken a major step toward preserving some of our valuable heritage and turning the preservation effort into an economic asset for our county.,

Lincoln County is on track with almost every area of its effort to accommodate the county's growth, but there is one area of difficulty – that of recruitment of new industry. We continue to put the infrastructure in place, improve our services and actively recruit, but two problems exist. One is difficult to label as a problem, but an unemployment rate of around 3% (which is wonderful in every other aspect) hinders industrial recruitment. The other is an area beyond control of the Commissioners—highways. Highways are critical to growth and development, and we are hampered by repeated delays in the completion of US 321 and the start of the new NC 16. Your Commissioners have joined with the City of Lincolnton in endorsing a state Transportation Improvement Plan that calls for the immediate completion of US 321, accelerated construction of Hwy. 16, the four laning of Hwy. 73 with connectors to Hwy. 27 and the completion of four-laning of four-laning Hwy. 150 through Lincoln County. We have also requested traffic signals at East Lincoln High School and on Pilot Knob Road at Highways 73 and 16. Unfortunately the state continues to delay our projects while it finds funds to build "roads to no-where" in other parts of the state.

Meanwhile, your Commissioners have established a Substandard Roads Policy (with help from the state legislature) to assist its citizens in getting roads brought

up to state standards so that they are eligible for state maintenance. The board recently approved the Alexis Acres road as the first candidate for this policy.

The year 1998 finds Lincoln County in excellent condition. A strong economy—3% Unemployment and some 500 new jobs in 1997; schools, jail, water & sewer lines under construction (ahead of schedule and under budget); a competitive tax rate; county government with increased services without an increase in county employees since 1995, and a strong commitment to our future and our heritage.

No doubt the future will bring more growing pains to Lincoln County, but if we continue the programs and policies which are being effective now I am confident we can meet them with confidence. We have made great strides in “meeting the future” and have good conservative programs in place which will enable us to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century. I look forward to enjoying the “Good Life” in Lincoln County for a long time. This is truly a great place to live, work and play.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman McConnell presented the minutes from January 26, 1998 and February 2, 1998 for approval.

A motion by Commissioner James Hallman to approve the minutes of January 26, 1998 and February 2, 1998 as presented.

Seconded by Commissioner Beth Saine.
Unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman McConnell presented the Consent Agenda for February 16, 1998 for approval.

REQUEST FOR REFUNDS PERIOD COVERED December 1 - December 31, 1997

Annuals More Than \$100.00

Cecil, Harold D.	1997	0114569	\$113.20
Crescent Resources	1997	24685	233.84
Dedmon, Justina Mosteller	1997	0086406	137.35
Deiber, Richard & Victoria	1997	0097327	138.35
Green Christopher & Sheila	1997	0119756	531.77
Guin, Brady McCoy, Jr.	1997	0094089	4,759.06
Hoke, George A. jr. & Vickie	1997	15696	190.06
Jones, Bessie M.	1997	0090915	101.72

Kale, Franklin Noah	1997	17742	104.35
Lowesville Development	1997	25541	108.36
Middleton, Orville E & Jean	1997	49101	1,817.56
Midland Properties LLC	1997	0119711	957.48
Parker, Paul E.	1997	43798	594.01
Walker, Mabel M.	1997	0063723	105.74
Wilson, Thomas J.	1997	26284	248.73

MOTOR VEHICLES More Than \$100.00

Cameron, Evelyn Kinlaw	1996	0081684	\$101.22
Elmore, Janice Blalock	1997	0104313	493.39
Pigg, Timothy & Gail	1997	13875	252.81
Tomlinson, Sandra H.	1997	0101413	154.12

ANNUALS Less Than \$100.00

Ballard, Sue A.	1997	12016	\$31.67
BCR Associates	1997	0104087	68.49
Belmont Federal S & L	1997	19676	2.63
Belmont Federal S & L	1997	0072971	6.39
Beyer, Kurt & Laurie	1997	0118721	5.26
Bilek, Christopher & Lauri	1997	0103936	3.00
Bowman, Chester & Kay	1997	12742	47.47
Callaway, Doris & Robert	1997	11479	16.15
Carpenter, Fred & Susan	1997	04591	45.00
Chapman, Gary & Gladys	1997	02997	5.49
Clark, Walter	1997	30254	53.78
Cooper, Herbert & Bertie	1997	12268	4.61
Cox, Steve	1997	0124978	89.01
Crouse, Terry David	1997	0080555	4.16
Devine, Joel Keith	1995	37926	31.30
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Edwards, Jean N.	1997	13092	3.29
Graham, Bonnie B.	1997	07833	1.00
Heavner, Jay & Amelia	1997	14668	14.36
Hinson, James & Linda	1997	31379	6.30
Homesley, Edward C.	1997	15789	3.23
Jones, Clifford & Debra	1997	39315	11.26
Jones, James H.	1997	0063757	1.89
Kapps, Kenneth & Deborah	1997	18175	1.29
Lail Electric Services	1997	25362	2.55
Lauro, Pasquale & Barbara	1997	0062516	2.09
Locatis, Ronald R.	1997	0062320	1.32
Loftin, Elliott & Betty	1997	16266	1.00
Martin, Judy C. & Steve	1997	0074699	8.34
McClure, Luther (Heirs)	1997	16925	49.00
McDonald, Charles E.	1997	21335	1.04

Mitchell, Charles Edward	1997	0081523	1.11
Moran, Mitchell & Janice	1997	20849	1.22
Moretz, Thomas	1997	30252	3.00
Nelson, William David	1997	0125503	97.20
Raftelis, George 7 Eva	1997	20589	10.26
Ramseur, Marshall & Mary	1997	08127	1.52
Reed, Alan & Linda	1997	0120187	61.38
Reeks, Harold & Marilyn	1997	0062331	1.05
Ritchie, Bradley Dean	1997	09446	1.54
Robinson, Mike & Betty	1997	15380	28.62
Rozzelle, John Michael	1997	21395	1.91
Stark, Michael F. Jr.	1997	0097306	2.11
State Emp. Credit Union	1997	00749	30.27
Stryker, Carl & Brenda	1997	0118126	33.19
Tolliver, Donna B.	1997	0109905	5.06
Van Doren, Jack & Barbara	1996	0105041	12.25
Walker, Harold T.	1997	48246	1.42
Wellborn, Troy J.	1997	21904	4.50

MOTOR VEHICLES Less Than \$100.00

Aldridge, Lorri Shea	1997	0124184	\$1.31
Alexander, Jay & Sybil	1997	05301	18.32
Anthony, Sammy Lee	1997	0091864	7.79
Auton, Dan Andrew	1997	11808	3.28
Baker, Walter Shane	1996	0109834	3.59
Bass, Charles Daniel	1997	0082833	3.60
Bingle, Anna V.	1997	0125247	3.36
Camelo, Mrs. Margaret	1997	20584	2.30
Chapman, Mary Heavner	1997	0125933	19.68
Clippard, Jr. Calvin	1996	04881	32.49
Dedmon, Billy Joe	1996	0065167	1.37
Faulkner, Perry B.	1997	0068808	9.82
Gillespie, William A.	1997	0118448	28.80
Goins, William R.	1997	0115942	29.78
Gross, Christopher W.	1997	0088140	5.67
Hall, William C.	1997	0072704	23.81
Helle, James Eric	1997	0087121	46.02
Henley, James P.	1997	02336	52.25
Hill, Wallace L., II	1997	0068140	3.00
Hoke, Vickie Hendrick	1997	0085239	79.67
Huffstetler, Harold John	1997	0077812	10.00
Jancik, Francis J.	1997	0079655	8.61
Jones, Shelton G.	1997	18901	1.29
Kennerly, James Rodney	1997	0075146	6.57
Kitts, Danny Joe	1997	0093211	1.36
Lackey, Armetta	1997	0110455	1.50
Lackey, Carrie Jane	1996	0117052	16.29
Lineberger, BC & Doris	1997	33317	6.95
Lipe, Clarence H. III	1997	0076367	49.50

McGinnis, Caroline M.	1996	0105453	4.83
Miller, Jeffrey Todd	1997	0103627	1.41
Mitsubishi Motors Credit	1997	0096637	60.05
Mobley, Henry L.	1997	0072243	23.63
Morrison, Timothy Wayne	1997	0068077	29.50
Mull, Tracy Shane	1997	0121975	7.07
Newton, Robin Darlene	1997	0107759	2.20
Norman, Donald M.	1997	0068407	1.82
Patton, Sharon Holinka	1997	0094060	61.60
Pearce, Jerry W.	1996	0109891	22.12
Plummer, David & Rebecca	1997	0093881	10.00
Polson, Vernon O'Deal	1996	0106290	53.90
Poovey, Keith David	1994	0073197	7.23
Ramsuer, Sharyl White	1996	0122112	2.81
Richard, Gary & Virginia	1997	14835	4.68
Rippy, William Barry Sr.	1997	0068469	2.29
Robinson, Matthew Albert	1996	0084224	2.36
Rudisill, Robert Len	1997	0079700	9.74
Schrone, Wayne Hoyle	1997	0077430	85.23
Seagle, Rodney & Teresa	1997	03141	8.97
Skinner, Phillip Allen	1997	0069140	34.10
Smith, Matthew B.	1997	0124251	5.21
Smith, Natasha M.	1997	0123005	1.28
Snyder, Donald Leon	1996	0084146	3.73
Sorica, Antonia R.	1997	0121559	3.61
Stores, Thomas I.	1997	38515	1.80
Tallent, Robert L. Jr.	1997	0115959	3.33
Thore, William Edward	1997	0096113	8.79
Troxler, James Steven	1997	0109924	44.00
Upton, Roy & Shirley	1997	38618	22.35
Valverde, Secundino A.	1997	0112535	14.78
Wall, Jonathan Lee	1997	0124598	10.80
Wilson, Charles C.	1997	03935	1.97
Yarber, John A.	1997	22104	27.74
Young, Charles & Cynthia	1997	0081782	4.68
Yount, John Benjamin	1997	0067364	79.61

RELEASES FOR DECEMBER, 1997

RELEASES MORE THAN \$100 -- MOTOR VEHICLES

Brittain, Alan David	1997	0126013	178.85
Calhoun, James N.	1997	20154	129.88
Clark, Gary Melvin	1997	0077211	101.41
Cooke, Rocky Allen	1997	0126109	170.71
Crawford & Crawford Composite	1997	0125694	137.82
Dellinger, Donna Lounette	1997	0119038	132.31
Dellinger, Marian King	1997	0124028	125.55
Denver Mobile Home Moving Inc.	1997	0096342	164.51
Easter, Gloria Maddox	1997	0070904	156.53
Finger Brothers Inc.	1997	0065001	124.32

Fox, Deborah Kelly	1997	0125887	235.59
Godfrey, Phillip Larry	1997	0121304	425.25
Harmon, Lloyd Dorn Jr.	1997	0094815	501.19
Harris, John David	1997	0115012	340.73
Hoffman, Fred Alexander	1997	0125985	130.96
House, Cynthia Diane	1997	0124232	133.39
Howard, Emmitt Stephen	1997	0118550	272.82
Howard, Kay Turner	1997	0126042	122.47
Lacount, Brenda Boswel	1997	0125808	165.73
Lewis, Deborah Patterson	1996	0122736	238.35
Prine, Suzanne Lynn	1997	0118986	113.48
Robinson, Richard Steven	1997	0117987	124.78
Schronce, Robert Edward	1997	0070438	193.31
Stamey, Michael Dean	1997	0125895	153.45
Stroupe, Vicky L.	1997	15175	146.89
Sweat, Jonathan David	1997	0118902	142.28
Whisnant, Rebecca Jeanette	1997	0118436	108.72
Whitson, Loyd	1997	0126003	179.58
Wilson, James Matthew	1997	0126647	130.63
Wright, Danny William	1997	0125951	127.82

RELEASES LESS THAN \$100 -- MOTOR VEHICLES

Abee, Timothy James	1997	0070196	8.78
Akers, Paul Carroll	1997	0099358	46.93
Anthony, Mary Heavner	1997	0078613	14.23
Anthony, Sammy Lee	1997	0091864	8.43
Baldwin, Robert E.	1997	0108894	16.38
Ballard, Roger Arnold	1997	0077253	42.16
Bennett, Ward Brown	1997	0073593	58.38
Black, John Henry	1997	0079730	21.22
Black, John Wiley	1997	01005	3.93
Black, Michael Shannon	1997	0116473	57.42
Black, Reginald Dawn	1997	0092852	32.58
Bolick, Carl Bruce	1997	0106269	35.09
Brackett, William Timothy	1997	0077561	18.64
Branning, Carole Cloninger	1997	0076160	7.47
Brege, Debra Anne	1997	0124274	3.62
Brooks, William Thomas	1997	0064049	37.44
Burgin, Randy Horace	1997	0122643	36.45
Burleigh, Ferdinand Isaisah	1997	0082533	12.36
Camp, Clyde Joseph	1997	0123510	15.54
Carlson, Neil Wayne	1997	0096665	87.30
Carpenter, James Christopher	1997	48803	96.56
Cashion, Nelda Lane	1997	0093691	23.10
Clark, Sharon Armstrong	1997	0109521	69.16
Clark, Thomas Brooks	1997	0123401	91.70
Clarke, Wanda Heavner	1997	0073691	25.74
Cole, Michael G. & Billie	1997	12135	12.27
Collins, Mary Crouch	1997	0125209	63.30
Cook, Bruce Allen	1997	0077879	87.60
Cooper, James Edgar III	1997	0080442	119.35

Crouse, Jeffery Joe	1997	0120791	8.68
Cruz, Juan Bautista	1997	0087815	27.03
Cruz, Juan Hernandez	1997	0122838	6.13
Dedmon, Billy Joe	1996	0065167	12.28
Dellinger, David Arnold	1997	0123605	29.10
Dennis, Eric Wayne	1997	17607	6.35
Designer Concrete Coating	1996	0123537	33.04
Drum, Bryan K.	1997	0119126	19.98
Eagle, Keith E.	1997	0119217	11.94
Ericson, Christine	1997	0119054	87.79
Faile, Ronnie	1997	35539	19.28
Flynn, Christopher Richard	1997	0091524	38.00
Foxx, Vicki Grigg	1997	0109978	11.85
Freeman, Allen	1997	06695	51.18
Frisbee, Dale	1997	0125322	80.07
Gates, Frances Campa	1997	0107598	46.95
Gibson, Christopher Lee	1996	0117916	24.48
Goforth, David Scott	1997	0077824	10.21
Gregory, Evelyn Yates	1997	0079806	49.17
Gurowski, Alexander John	1997	0125044	98.66
Hallman, Edward Grayson	1997	0072628	10.31
Haynes, Richard Calvin	1997	0100646	46.20
Heafner, Jack Roosevelt	1996	0086531	4.68
Heafner, Redia Charlotte	1996	0085933	1.50
Helms, Joe Ben	1996/97	0092607	18.40
Henley, James Palmer	1997	0102127	62.54
Hernandez, Heathern Dawn	1997	0104264	50.96
Hester, Henry W. & Jane C.	1997	17930	35.11
High, Norman & Sharon	1997	15482	12.89
Houser, Barbara Sain Mrs.	1997	07171	18.09
Houser, Jimmy Milton	1997	0071990	20.50
Hoyle, James Hugh	1997	02802	35.73
Huffstickler, Jesse William	1997	0124500	8.97
Huneycutt, Everette Lamar	1997	18119	96.72
Huss, Kenneth Grier	1996	0068998	19.59
Ivey & Company	1997	0110597	35.85
J. D. Goodrum Co.	1997	0125818	52.10
Jarnigan, Lucille J.	1997	0108833	34.93
Jarrett, Larry Thomas	1997	0076067	1.33
Johnson, Eric Richard	1997	0125691	12.98
Johnson, Gloria F.	1996	12418	16.89
Johnson, Ronald Dean	1997	0069672	12.20
Johnson, Tina Houser Marie	1997	0109157	33.90
Jones, Tommie Michele	1996	0114284	4.45
Karlson, Robert A.	1997	0100791	23.41
King, Terri McKnight	1996	0117061	2.74
Lail, David Earnest	1995	0074626	20.67
Lake Norman Marina Inc.	1997	0066811	65.43
Lambert, Hubert D. & Carol K.	1997	09890	20.63
Lane, William Roger Jr.	1997	0125641	11.47

Leatherman, Arthur Randy	1997	0089668	64.80
Leatherman, James Thomas	1997	0066277	31.01
Leggette, Mark Gray	1997	0110257	20.11
Leonard, Kimley Warren	1997	0078722	68.44
Leonhardt, Darria Short	1997	0118620	76.58
Leonhardt, Paul E. & Sharon K.	1997	10275	68.36
Levesque, Sandra Lavigne	1997	0124283	6.06
Lindsay, David Wayne	1996	0125619	12.66
Ly, Carlos Alberto	1997	0077312	21.99
Macleod, Lorne Franklin	1997	0093925	26.61
Martin, Gary Randall	1997	0088036	23.85
Mathis, Dennis Stan	1997	0078139	82.86
McCray, Gary Robert & Susan R.	1996	35348	97.01
McKnight, Edward James	1997	0102419	56.38
McNeilly, Charles Dean	1997	0080541	5.02
McSwain, William F. Jr.	1997	10403	5.65
Miles, Deanne Renee	1997	0116290	21.65
Miller, Jeffrey Todd	1997	0073796	3.38
Montgomery, Letitia Sue	1997	0119908	36.92
Moore, Jack C. II	1997	0120458	40.53
Moore, Katherine Ivy	1997	0125186	4.12
Morgan, Lindsay Dean	1997	0097640	17.62
Morris, Alzenia Kelly	1997	0125807	37.25
Morrison, Henry C. & Mary S.	1997	43895	44.57
Morton, Stephen P. & Jane R.	1997	09135	36.45
Murphy, Diane Marie	1997	0125126	37.29
Newton, Robert Wayne	1997	0071126	14.17
Nichols, Fred Allen & Gloria	1997	13308	39.80
Oldham, Clarence E.	1997	10865	1.31
Oxentine, Evelyn Rogers	1997	0125210	13.97
Parks, Randall S. & Heidi K.	1997	29263	27.23
Parrish, Lisa Morrell	1997	0109510	88.68
Payseur, Matthew Burgin	1997	0094160	46.15
Poquette, Gereon E. & Barbara	1997	20268	13.70
Powell, Jimmy W. & Mary W.	1997	00651	62.09
Price, Pamela Coker	1997	0097999	38.21
Randolph, Jerry Cecil	1997	0069743	3.40
Ray, Kevin Arthur	1997	0091024	1.68
Redmon, William Harold	1997	0078578	4.18
Reeder, Marsha Stowe	1997	0125692	41.85
Reel, Leroy Neal	1997	0068323	33.45
Rhinehardt, Joseph Rodney Jr.	1995/96	0106888	130.51
Robinson, Donnie Irvin	1997	0094140	35.36
Robinson, Randall B.	1997	21274	18.55
Rodriguez, Samuel Torres	1997	0112637	12.31
Rutledge, Edgar Lewis & Helen	1997	02797	6.46
Sailors, Randy T. & Debbie C.	1997	39727	44.83
Sain, David Craig	1997	0076101	22.26
Sapp, Donna Cottrell	1997	0125188	43.28
Sapp, Joseph Stanley	1997	0125067	64.69

Schneider, Robert M. & Leslie	1996/97	19141	78.66
Schrum, David Loyd	1997	03101	37.99
Segura, Kattia Tersa	1997	0103084	51.57
Self, Benny Isaac	1997	0071952	33.82
Sharts, Thomas Daniel	1997	0110890	15.51
Sherrill, Meredith Cloninger	1997	0118695	88.70
Shrum, Paul Edward Sr.	1997	0078515	16.04
Simpson, Ellen Campbell	1997	0126106	81.77
Smith, Linda Johnson	1997	0103002	11.91
Sronce, Michael Sherman	1997	0094855	8.90
Stafford, Larry Edward	1997	0068704	32.35
Stephens, Ronald J. & Carolyn	1997	36328	9.00
Stone, Diane Wright	1997	0110212	31.47
Talley, Cathy Christy	1997	0108316	18.34
The Lawn Company	1997	0124282	3.36
Thurman, Richard Alan	1996	0080886	9.44
Trexler, Toni McLeigh	1997	0118903	89.30
Tucker, Roy Wayne	1997	0077162	5.38
Turbyfill, Billygene	1996	0101063	1.66
Turbyfill, Jane Travis	1997	0110647	33.57
Wadsworth, William & Isabelle	1997	41140	86.08
Warden, Phillip Scott	1997	0087907	.62
Warlick, Ray Carroll	1997	0074489	27.80
Watner, David S. & Patricia J.	1997	40443	89.51
Whipple, Gerald Wallace	1997	0118908	66.95
Whitson, Loyd	1997	0126003	65.73
Williams, Bradley Scott	1997	0106885	7.90
Wilson, Christopher Mark	1997	0118970	23.33
Withers, Jean M.	1997	22009	30.04
Wolfenbarger, Larry S.	1997	49050	14.37
Woodcock, France Harmon	1997	0076098	19.55
Wootton, Gregory Carroll	1997	0075793	13.92
Yearta, Bennie Frank	1997	0125744	26.24
Yount, Kevin Paul	1996	0092444	5.30
Zeigler, Ted Melvin	1997	0116457	23.54
Ziros, John Patrick	1997	0122373	39.10

RELEASES MORE THAN \$100

Anderson, Billy R.	1997	0124990	158.53
Eaker, Effie Huss	1997	0085494	134.48
Industrial Truck Sales & Serv.	1996	0106518	492.25
McAlister, Bernice H.	1997	0108811	375.38
Midland Properties LLC	1997	0119711	957.48
Renwick, John	1997	0119735	133.65
Welch, Carrole Larry	1997	0100498	100.24
Wise, Everette	1997	03986	112.40

RELEASES LESS THAN \$100

Ambler, Eric J.	1997	0103838	69.89
Barnette, Max Earl & Annie H.	1997	12069	5.32

Beard, Gene Ransom & Sarah	1997	18313	5.25
Beaver, Gary Alan	1997	0091679	4.97
Caballero, Sandra L.	1990-92	37737	107.80
Caskey, Kenneth C.	1997	0115469	15.00
Clark, Judson Patricia	1997	41793	30.46
Classic Image Hair & Tanning	1997	0120136	37.49
Conway, Bret A.	1997	0063739	59.44
Cox, Kevin	1997	0117530	10.45
Devine, Joel Keith	1997	37926	31.30
Gilbert, Ford Keith & Sue	1997	03879	20.93
Hall, James Gilbert	1997	05190	1.63
Industrial Truck Sales & Serv.	1996	0106519	98.01
Lincoln County Historic	1997	0117432	90.98
Long, Robert Edward & Karen	1997	10797	59.96
N. C. Dept. of Transportation	1997	33754	69.00
Page, Marcia Poston	1997	0068416	42.23
Reid, Charles Neely Jr.	1997	35232	76.12
Ross, Michael Todd	1997	0107050	12.35
Rumple, Barbara Barker	1997	21501	9.03
Schrum, Betty Sue R.	1997	0119709	69.00
Sentry Home Health Care	1997	0126061	7.47
Simmons, Mercer Ward Jr.	1997	0126265	41.87
Thurman, Richard A.	1991-92	03544	124.08
Tillman, Joe N. & Gloria Fay	1997	21470	98.60
Turner, John Ralph	1997	0110665	28.22
Watner, David S. & Patricia J.	1997	40443	43.49
Wilkinson, Pamela Nixon	1997	0081534	69.00
Zientek, Thomas J.	1997	0099651	58.39

**REIMBURSEMENT
RESOLUTION FOR CONTRACT NUMBER ONE**

**AUTHORIZING COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA (the
“PURCHASER”) TO UNDERTAKE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES WITH
RESPECT TO MISCELLANEOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS PRIOR TO THE
EXECUTION BY THE PURCHASER OF AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE
CONTRACT FOR SUCH PURPOSES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$300,000.00**

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service and U.S. Treasury Department have published regulations that govern when a political subdivision such as the Purchaser, can issue or execute tax-exempt obligations to reimburse itself or any agency or division thereof for expenditures on projects prior to the issuance of tax-exempt obligations for such projects; and

WHEREAS, the regulations require that the governing body of the political subdivision adopt a resolution reciting certain facts and intentions prior to the incurrence of the expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Purchaser anticipates incurring certain expenditures in an approximate amount of not exceeding \$300,000 (the “Expenditures”) with respect to New Landfill Compactor (the “Project”) prior to the issuance by the Purchaser of tax-exempt obligations in the form of an installment purchase agreement for such purpose in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Purchaser as follows:

Section 1. The Governing Body hereby declares a reasonable “official intent pursuant to Regulation 1.103-18 to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to reimburse the Purchaser from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations in the form of an installment purchase contract for the Purchaser executed under the authority of North Carolina General Statute 160A-20, as amended for Expenditures with respect to the Project. Such Expenditures must be incurred not later than two years from the date hereof in order to be eligible for reimbursement from the proceeds of the installment purchase contract or such other date as may be applicable in the regulations. The Purchaser anticipates incurring Expenditures in an approximate amount of not exceeding \$300,000.00 with respect to the Project prior to the execution by the Purchaser for such purpose in an amount not exceeding \$300,000.00 with respect to the Project prior to the execution by the Purchaser for such purpose in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00.

Section 2. To be eligible for reimbursement of the Expenditures, the installment purchase agreement will be executed on or before the later date one year after the Expenditure was paid or the date one year after the Project was placed in service, or such later date as may be applicable in the regulations as amended.

Section 3. The Expenditures are incurred solely to acquire, construct or rehabilitate property having a reasonably expected economic life of at least one year.

Section 4. The source of funds for the Expenditures with respect to the Project will be Landfill availability fees, Landfill tipping fees and other Landfill enterprise fund revenues.

Done in meeting duly assembled this 16th day of February, 1998.

County of Lincoln

Signature

Title

Budget Adjustment No. 50

Budget Adjustment No. 50 is requested as additional funds were allocated for In-Home aide program.

Requests for Utility Adjustment--January 10, 1998 – February 9, 1998

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>ADJUSTMENT</u>	<u>NEW TOTAL</u>
Bond, Donald	6113551 00	\$212.32	\$49.52
Carpenter, J.B.	2032121 05	\$613.01	\$161.00
Hall, Ronnie	6126251 00	\$173.73	\$74.78
Hipp, Grace L.	6195181 00	\$725.04	\$167.75
Macedonia Baptist	5081041 00	\$256.14	\$164.67
Malcom, Mark	6129331 01	\$88.74	\$51.89
Shackelford, Melissa	6103826 09	\$51.18	\$35.81
Smith, Mary	4045492 01	\$497.89	\$29.80

Sponsored Group Status

Maiden High School
Lincolnton Theatre Guild

Commissioner James Hallman stated that he had some concerns about a few releases, but commented that Rick French was checking on them.

A motion by Commissioner James Hallman to approve the consent agenda for February 16, 1998.

Seconded by Commissioner Larry Craig.
Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING—GREEN ACRES SUBDIVISION LEASH LAW

Chairman McConnell announced that this was the date, Monday, February 16, 1998 and the time, 7:00 p.m. which was advertised in the Lincoln Times-News on February 6, 1998 for a Public Hearing on the Green Acres Subdivision Leash Law.

Chairman McConnell asked if there was anyone wishing to speak regarding the Green Acres Subdivision Leash Law.

John Edwards, 1732 Maple Lane, stated that he got up the petition because of all of the stray dogs in the area. He commented that at the time he collected the petition, there were only about 6 or 7 stray dogs, and now there are 10 to 12. Mr. Edwards also asked how soon this could come into effect.

Being no one else wishing to speak on the Green Acres Subdivision Leash Law, Chairman McConnell declared the Public Hearing closed.

Sheriff Barbara Pickens stated that the Leash Law could start as soon as tomorrow morning, February 17, 1998, at 8:00 a.m. She stated that there are 2.5 Animal Control officers serving Lincoln County and the City of Lincolnton.

A motion by Commissioner Larry Craig to approve the Leash Law for Green Acres Subdivision commencing on February 17, 1998 at 8:00 a.m.

Seconded by Commissioner Terry Brotherton.
Unanimously approved.

REPORT ON THE NEW LINCOLN CENTER OF GASTON COLLEGE—DR. PATRICIA SKINNER

Dr. Patricia Skinner thanked the Board for their support of Gaston College. She stated that Gaston College has been present in Lincoln County since 1969, and there are currently about 500 students taking classes in Lincoln County. She stated that the new Lincoln Center of Gaston College would mean an improvement of offerings in Lincoln County.

GRANTS FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Barbara Pickens stated that Lincoln County has received a Universal Hiring Grant from the United States Department of Justice for the sum of \$504,214.99 for eight officers, and is available as of January 1, 1998. She stated that the grant is a 75% federal; 25% local matching grant. Sheriff Pickens stated that if the Board agrees to fund the grant, she would like to place the officers as follows: 2 patrol officers to keep zone 7 patrolled 24 hours per day, 1 officer for Narcotics Investigations, 2 officers for civil/court, and 3 officers for criminal investigations to have an investigator in all seven zones. Sheriff Pickens stated that Lincoln County's expense for the first year would be \$130,898.

Commissioner Terry Brotherton asked if Lincoln County could possibly receive a waiver for the local funds, due to the difficult budget for the year.

The Board asked Sheriff Pickens to explore the possibility of a waiver.

IMPACT FEES

Commissioner Larry Craig stated that Impact Fees should be explored in a serious manner. He commented that he would like the impact fees county-wide, in degrees depending on costs of homes. Commissioner Craig stated that last year 385 permits were issued for new homes, 25% of these were homes

over \$100,000, 231 permits were issued for doublewides, and 241 permits were issued for single wides.

Commissioner Beth Saine stated that there are just as many children from doublewides or single wides as \$200,000 homes.

Commissioner Larry Craig stated that he would like to proportion out to individuals as they can pay it.

Rick French, County Manager, stated that the Impact Fee takes action from the Legislature. He stated that he would ask someone from the Association of County Commissioners to come and speak to the Board at one of the work sessions.

Chairman McConnell called for a five minute recess.

Chairman McConnell called the meeting back to order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman McConnell advised that this was the time the time the Board of Commissioners would receive comments from the citizens regarding any matter they desired to address.

Being no one wishing to speak, Chairman McConnell declared the Public Comments closed.

PUBLIC HEARING—COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION APPLICATION

Leon Harmon, Finance Director, stated that each year the County applies for replacement vehicles (vans) through the Department of Transportation. He commented that this year 2 were applied for one for the Office on Aging and one for the Group Home for the Handicapped. Mr. Harmon commented that the state and federal government supply 90% of this money. He stated that part of the application process is to have a public hearing to receive any comments from the public about the application.

Chairman McConnell declared the Public Hearing open for anyone wishing to speak on the Community Transportation Application.

Being no one wishing to speak, Chairman McConnell declared the Public Hearing on the Community Transportation Application closed.

CONSIDERATION OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL PIEDMONT RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AREA APPLICATION

A motion by Commissioner James Hallman to approve the South Central Piedmont Resource Conservation and Development Area Application.

Seconded by Commissioner Beth Saine.
Unanimously approved.

COUNTY SUMMARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS—ELIZABETH SNYDER

Elizabeth Snyder gave a summary of activities for June 30, 1997 through January 8, 1998.

INCORPORATION OF DENVER

Clyde Armstrong stated that Denver would like to become incorporated because the residents feel a need for local government in the community to deal with issues like growth. Mr. Armstrong stated that there has been no opposition to the incorporation. He stated that the County would continue to provide all of the services for Denver. He commented that the plans are still vague, but they would like the Board's support, consideration, and unanimous approval. He stated that the next step would be to go to the State Legislature to ask for their assistance in the process.

Chairman Louis McConnell stated that he was at first concerned that this was just a move to get alcoholic beverages in the area, but was assured it was not.

Clyde Armstrong stated that the incorporation was really taken away with the citizen's knowledge.

Commissioner Terry Brotherton stated that if the Incorporation does not get unanimous approval, Raleigh would not even look at it.

Rick French, County Manager, stated that the Incorporation of Denver needs to be listed as an item on a Regular Agenda before it is voted on.

VACANCIES

Commissioner James Hallman presented the following vacancies:

Planning Board	
North Brook	1
ETJ	1
Recreation Commission	
Ironton	2

Council on Aging 1
Alternate Board of Appeals 2
Dangerous Dog Appellate Board 5
East Lincoln Water and Sewer Advisory Committee 1

APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner James Hallman advised that he had no appointments at this time.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Terry Brotherton stated that about 6 months ago, he brought it to the Board's attention about the difficulty in getting cable to the Lakewood Care Center. He stated that cable will be installed at the Center any day.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Rick French, County Manager, presented the following memorandum:

MEMORANDUM

TO: Louis E. McConnell, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

FROM: Rick French, County Manager

SUBJECT: County Manager's Report

DATE: February 12, 1998

1. Lincoln County did not receive a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) during the last cycle and will reapply during the summer of 1998. Our application did not rank high enough to be funded. The application was to provide water service in the Old Plank Road area.
2. In order to have an auction of surplus property in the spring, we will need to select an auction firm during the next month. A memorandum from County Finance Director, Leon Harmon, is enclosed outlining the auction firms used since 1992.
3. Prestige Unlimited has resigned as medical care provider for the Lincoln County Jail. Sheriff Barbara Pickens would like to discuss this matter during closed session.

4. County Commissioner Terry Brotherton, County Engineer Doug Chapman, Public Service Director Jack Chandler, and I will be meeting with a group from the Governor's Island Homeowner's Association of February 12, 1998. We have not provided sewer service to the island and this area is in the sewer district. An update will be provided at our meeting.
5. I have been appointed to the Steering Committee on the Environment by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Several key environmental issues are currently being discussed such as the Water Supply Watershed Protection Act and the Clean Water Management Trust Fund. This Committee will meet again during the month of April. Please note, I will not attend any meetings of this committee if anyone has concerns about my attendance.

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Rick French, County Manager, reminded the Board of the meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 1998 at 5:30 p.m. with EDA and Lincolnton City Council.

Rick French told the Board an Auction firm would need to be chosen for the year.

It was the consensus of the Board to choose Gilbert Auction Company for the year.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman McConnell advised that there was a need for a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual and a personnel matter.

Commissioner Larry Craig motioned that the Board go in to Closed Session.

Seconded by Commissioner Beth Saine.
Unanimously approved.

Commissioner James Hallman motioned for the Board to come out of Closed Session.

Seconded by Commissioner Larry Craig.
Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, Chairman McConnell entertained a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Larry Craig motioned that the Board adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Beth Saine.
Unanimously approved.