

**LINCOLN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****MINUTES
MARCH 9, 1998**

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met for a work session on March 9, 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 (Left at 8:45 PM due to illness)
James A. Hallman, Vice Chairman
Terry L. Brotherton
Larry S. Craig
Beth H. Saine

Jeffrey Taylor, Assistant County Attorney
Richard French, County Manager

Also present were Elaine Harmon, Register of Deeds, Dante Patterson, MIS Director, Doug Chapman, County Engineer, Leon Harmon, Finance Director, Jay Heavner, Tax Administrator, Lew Hartford, GIS Administrator, and Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McConnell called the March 9, 1998 work session to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chairman McConnell presented the Agenda for the March 9, 1998 Board of Commissioners work session.

AGENDA**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****WORK SESSION****MARCH 9, 1998**

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| 6:30 PM | Call to Order |
| 1. 6:30 PM | Adoption of Agenda |
| 2. 6:30 PM | Report from the East Lincoln Sewer Task Force |
| 3. 7:15 PM | Discussion with Elaine Harmon, Register of Deeds |

- Space Issue
 - Record Disposal According to Disposition Schedule
 - Project to Put Records on Optical Disks
 - Book Repairs
4. 7:35 PM Homepage Presentation—Dante Patterson
 5. 8:05 PM Sewer Projects -- Doug Chapman
 6. 8:35 PM Review of Management Letter from the Local Government Commission—Leon Harmon
 7. 8:50 PM Discussion of New Computer Compact Disk Program—Jay Heavner
 8. 9:05 PM Medical Supplement Premium, Cost for Retirees
 9. 9:10 PM Bereavement Policy Amendment
 10. 9:15 PM Consideration of Meeting Dates
 11. 9:20 PM Vacancies
 12. 9:25 PM Appointments
 13. 9:30 PM Other Business
 14. 9:45 PM Closed Session—Contractual and Personnel
- Adjourn

Please note the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be March 16, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. and the East Lincoln Water and Sewer District Meeting will also be March 16, 1998 at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner James Hallman motioned to adopt the agenda for the March 9, 1998 work session as presented.

Seconded by Commissioner Beth Saine.
Unanimously approved.

REPORT FROM THE EAST LINCOLN SEWER TASK FORCE

Patsy Black, who was speaking on behalf of Bob Hecht, Chairman of the East Lincoln Sewer Task Force presented the following information to the Board.

EAST LINCOLN COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

TASK FORCE ON ALTERNATIVES TO CAPACITY FEES

Introduction

The Task Force was formed in response to a proposed capacity fee of \$3466 per newly constructed property to be served by the East Lincoln County Sewer. The purpose of the capacity fee was to supplement the annual budget of the Sewer District and avoid further increases in property taxes within the Sewer District. Concerns were raised by responsible members of the Construction and Real Estate businesses serving the District that such a fee would seriously harm the potential for new housing starts to the detriment of business, the Sewer District and the County. The Task Force was empowered at a meeting of the East Lincoln Water and Sewer Board held on November 17, 1997 at the East Lincoln High School. The Task Force was charged with returning a report of their findings within 90 days.

The Task Force held their first meeting on December 4, 1998, and has since held five full meetings and several smaller meetings before completing their report on February 24, 1998. A presentation to the District Board is scheduled for March 9, 1998 at 6:30 PM in the Citizens Center in Lincolnton.

Initial planned sources of revenue

For simplicity, discussion of revenue issues are made in terms of single family residences, knowing that there is a parallel system for multi-family and commercial connections. The Sewer District was intended to be funded from three sources of revenue,

1. An initial connection fee of \$3000 (escalating 10% each year). These are paid by persons in the District actually making connections or securing a future connection at a lower fee. Only \$800 of the fee is available to be applied towards debt retirement and operations cost.
2. A usage fee based on the quantity of water used by the residence in the District, typically \$30/month for an average household. These are paid only by customers actually using the sewer service.
3. A property tax initially set at \$0.08/\$100. These are paid by persons in the District having real property whether or not they are connected to the sewer service.

Projections by the consulting engineers suggested that to meet the bond payment schedule, 20% of the residences would have to commit in the first year and 10% in each succeeding year. Surveys conducted by mail to all residences before the sewer was constructed indicated that with 60% of the residences responding, indications of 53% connecting as soon as the sewer was available, 15% before 1999, 14% undecided, 3% already on sewer and 15% not interested.

Reality

Since the sewer became available in January 1997 to January of this year, there are 491 customers connected with a further 348 having fully or partially paid their connection fee. Of the 491 customers connected, 110 of these were already being served by an existing county installed package plant and did not pay any connection fee. This equates to a 15% connection rate versus the 20% projection and far less than the survey would indicate. There are a number of reasons that could account for this,

1. The perceived high cost of installing the grinder pump and basin to the county sewer lines. (There must be an effort made to convince potential customers to get competitive bids and to understand what a "standard installation" should cost. There are several less expensive options to the County provided grinder pump basin.)
2. The bond sale did not require district residents to connect within any set time frame. (The majority of other governmental sewer providers surveyed require mandatory connection within a given time frame)
3. The county ordinances were changed to allow unrestricted repair and extension of existing septic system drain fields. (There must be a middle ground where, based on availability of land, that this ordinance can be reversed)
4. A realization by homeowners that there was little economic justification to connect to the sewer if their existing septic was functional
5. Inability of the county to identify deficient septic systems and require owners to connect to the sewer. (Residents need to be educated on health and environment impact)

The result of this lack of connected customers was a serious shortfall in revenues that resulted in an increase in the property tax rate from \$0.08/\$100 to \$0.22/\$100.

Attempted remedies

A policy of recruiting customers in developments, outside the district, desiring sewer service was a logical and worthy step. If it could be accomplished at no added cost to the District, this would be worthwhile particularly where those developments are within the Lake Norman watershed. The downside here is the acceleration of the need for additional treatment capacity. It will be seen later that the rate of growth in housing starts will not provide enough revenue to avoid higher taxes.

The County proposed \$3466 and other types of capacity fee, in addition to its potential for reducing the rate of growth will provide minimal impact in the next three years on revenue.

Solution for Immediate Impact

The District must recognize that the existing structure of fees and charges is fatally flawed and must be changed. The task force recommendations that follow will provide a sound basis for generating current and continuing revenue sufficient to retire the district debt, provide for operating costs, provide for future plant expansion and provide incentive for non users to connect to the sewer at less costs than now exists.

Harry Hawkins presented the following recommendations:

EAST LINCOLN SEWER DISTRICT

SUMMARY OF PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS:

ELIMINATE THE CURRENT RESIDENTIAL SEWER AVAILABILITY FEE

PRIVATIZE THE SALE OF PUMP SYSTEMS

REDUCE THE RESIDENTIAL CONNECTION FEE

REDUCE THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL SEWER CAPACITY FEE

REDUCE THE SEWER TAX RATE

IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSED SEWER AVAILABILITY FEES

EAST LINCOLN SEWER DISTRICT

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

NO ADDITIONAL DEBT IS TO BE INCURRED ON THE CURRENT SEWER DISTRICT THROUGH FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE OUTSIDE THE CURRENT SEWER DISTRICT AS DEFINED IN 1993

SET A DATE FOR THE CONNECTION OF ALL APPLICABLE COMMERCIAL PARCELS

SET A DATE FOR PAYMENT OF THE CONNECTION FEE THAT WILL GUARANTEE FUTURE SEWER AVAILABILITY

SET A DATE TO END THE OPTION OF ALLOWING THE REPAIR OF FAILED SEPTIC FIELDS

ALLOW THE COUNTY TO USE A PORTION OF THE NEW SEWER CAPACITY FEE REVENUE TO PAY ALL OR SOME OF THE MONTHLY FEES FOR HARSHSHIP CASES

PUT IN PLACE A SCHEDULE FOR WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE SEWER DISTRICT TAXPAYERS

A PLAN FOR FISCAL RECOVERY WITH INCENTIVES TO ATTRACT NEW CUSTOMERS

I. Original Sewer District – 1993 Boundaries:

A. Eliminate the current \$880 residential Sewer Availability Fee.

B. Privatize the sale of the Pump Systems:

1. Residents participating in any current connection plan will have their Pump System furnished by the County when their account is paid in full. Residents must pick up their pump system within 90 days after final payment.

- 2. Solicit privatization proposals this fiscal year.
- C. Set the Connection Fee for all current residential units at the cost to the County of the Sewer Tap. (Subcontracted in 1997 at an average cost of \$1,082)
- D. Charge a \$1,000 Sewer Capacity Fee, plus the above Connection Fee, on new residential construction.
- E. Fund the 1997/1998 \$2,000,000 Sewer District cost with **existing** usage revenues, reducing the Sewer Tax rate to \$0.16/100 and **adding one** of the following new sources of revenue:
 - 1. All commercial, industrial, and residential units in the Sewer District be charged a **\$40 per month** Sewer Availability Fee until the sewer bonds and debts are retired. This monthly rate would be applied to the monthly sewer cost for those who are connected to the system. (Assumes 2,600 total units of which 480 are connected)
 - Or 2. Charge all land owners an **annual** Sewer Availability Fee at a rate of **\$3.17** per property front footage
 - Or 3. Combination of "1" and "2" at adjusted fees of **\$25/month/unit and \$0.79/year/property front footage**

Note: Failure to adopt "1", "2", or "3" above will result in an unacceptable increase in the Sewer Tax rate from \$0.22/\$100 to **\$0.395/\$100**. This is caused by a loss of approximately \$250,000 of Sewer Availability Fees and a current year deficit, (and anticipated continuing deficit), of approximately \$500,000 due to anticipated revenues not realized.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDS ADOPTING "E.3" TO FULLY FUND THE \$2,000,000 COST OF OPERATIONS AND DEBT SERVICE

II. Annexed Areas to the Original Sewer District:

- A. Charge a \$2,000 Sewer Capacity Fee on all new residential construction. (Assumes the Developer supplies infrastructure and other costs to connect to system)
- B. Charge a \$2,000 Sewer Capacity Fee, plus Connection Fee, for existing residences.

Note: Original District Capacity Fees and Annexed Areas Capacity Fee should be put in an escrow account to be used for the expansion of the Waste Treatment Plant.

Other actions possible in the future as a result of these changes:

The ability to eventually eliminate the Sewer Tax on automobiles and light trucks.

The reduced Sewer Tax Rate can be indexed directly to the Sewer District debt service and further reduced annually until it is eliminated.

Chairman McConnell thanked the Task Force for their hard work.

DISCUSSION WITH ELAINE HARMON, REGISTER OF DEEDS

Book Repairs

Elaine Harmon, Register of Deeds stated that she has two books in her office that need to be removed from the office to be repaired. She stated that she needs a Resolution authorizing her to do this. Mrs. Harmon stated that she has found a company in North Carolina that will repair these books. She stated that she has visited this facility and feels very comfortable with this facility. Mrs. Harmon stated that she can either deliver these books to the company, or the company will pick them up.

Commissioner Larry Craig asked if money was budgeted for these repairs.

Mrs. Harmon stated that it was.

Mrs. Harmon stated that one of the volumes have been scanned and the other has been partially scanned. She stated that only the volume that has been scanned could be sent, and the other volume could be sent after it is scanned.

Commissioner James Hallman made a motion to approve a Resolution to send only the scanned books to be repaired.

Seconded by Commissioner Larry Craig.
Unanimously approved.

Record Disposal According to Disposition Schedule

Elaine Harmon stated that she also needed approval for disposition or disposal of records in storage on the third floor in the Nations Bank Building. She stated that the bulk of the records are the UCC files and the index that goes back to 1969 when the Uniform Commercial Code System came into play. She stated that she would like permission to dispose off all records up to January of 1987. She stated that there are also jury lists and jury cards, and requests for certified copies that they would like to dispose of. She stated that she would have to go with the County truck to the landfill with the records and see that they are buried. Mrs. Harmon stated that the reason these records need to be moved is so the imaging station can be moved to the third floor of the Nations Bank Building.

Commissioner Larry Craig asked if these are public or private documents and if they have any historical value.

Mrs. Harmon stated that there is no historical value whatsoever, they are UCC filings on personal property. She stated that the records disposition schedule allows them to destroy these records six years after the date they are terminated.

Commissioner Larry Craig made a motion to allow Mrs. Harmon to dispose of these documents from 1969 to 1987.

Seconded by Commissioner Beth Saine.
Unanimously approved.

Space Issue

Elaine Harmon stated that the Register of Deeds office desperately needs more space. She stated that it is impossible to do the things they are charged to do in a timely manner and she hopes the Board will consider this issue during the budget process.

Project to Put Records on Optical Disks

Mrs. Harmon stated that there are some back records that need to be scanned. She stated that she has a vendor who is willing to scan these back records at 4.5 cents per image. She stated that he estimated that there are approximately 500,000 images that will need to be scanned. She stated that this would enable the tax department to access copies of these records if they were in another facility.

Mrs. Harmon stated that as of February 27, 1998, the Register of Deeds office has exceeded anticipated revenues.

Commissioner Terry Brotherton asked if Ms. Harmon has an idea or projection of anticipated revenues over the budgeted amount.

Elaine Harmon stated that it would probably be around \$70,000.

Commissioner Terry Brotherton stated that since the Register of Deeds office has more revenue than expected, it would be good to reinvest the money.

It was the consensus of the Board for Elaine Harmon, Register of Deeds, to proceed with this project as long as the money is there.

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

Homepage Presentation—DANTE PATTERSON

Dante Patterson gave a presentation of the Lincoln County Homepage, stating that 75% of the counties in North Carolina have some form of representation on the Internet. He stated that the purpose of the Homepage is to provide convenient access to the public for information. Mr. Patterson stated that this is also the site for the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Agency, and the City of Lincolnton. He stated that there is no cost associated with the Homepage. Mr. Patterson stated that approved minutes and agendas of the Board of Commissioners meetings will also be available on the Homepage, and will be secured so the information cannot be changed. He stated that employment opportunities with Lincoln County will be listed on the Homepage.

Mr. Patterson asked for the Board's approval of the Homepage.

A motion by Commissioner Larry Craig to approve the Lincoln County Homepage as presented, retaining the right to make sure true and proper information is put on this.

Seconded by Commissioner Terry Brotherton.
Unanimously approved.

Commissioner James Hallman stated that any additions could be approved by the County Manager.

Commissioner Beth Saine stated that she wants to make sure that the information on the Internet is precise.

Dante Patterson stated that he would like to have the information checked.

Commissioner James Hallman stated that minutes should not go on the Internet until approved and corrected.

Chairman McConnell left due to illness.

SEWER PROJECTS – DOUG CHAPMAN, COUNTY ENGINEER

Doug Chapman, County Engineer, stated that he had information on some proposed subdivisions. He presented the following memorandum:

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 4, 1998

To: Richard French, County Manager

From: Douglas Chapman, County Engineer

Subject: Proposed Subdivision on South Little Egypt Road

A subdivision is being planned by the Park West Investors along South Little Egypt Road, across from the Forney Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The entire project will include approximately 138 lots, with Phase 1 containing 15 lots.

The staff originally met with the developer concerning sewer service to the property in December. The developers were concerned with getting sewer service to the area quickly. Considering the fact that the Sewer District was already in the process of installing a gravity sewer line to the road near the

property, and a force main in front of the property, it seemed best for our staff to prepare the gravity sewer plans and construct the line, with the developer reimbursing the District for that portion of the line fronting their property.

Now that the developer is ready to record a plat, and the sewer plans are complete, they feel it only "fair" that they pay the difference, \$36,300, between the 12-inch force main, estimated at \$27,700, originally planned by the District and the 12-inch gravity line, estimated at \$64,000, proposed for the project.

The subdivision ordinance requires the developer provide sewer service to the property. The required installation would be an 8-inch gravity line, at an estimated cost of \$58,600. I indicated to the developer that I felt it "fair" that they pay the cost of an 8-inch gravity line along the front of their property, therefore the District would pay only the \$5,400 difference between 8-inch and 12-inch. As we have discussed, I told the developer that we would meet in the middle of \$58,600 and \$36,300, at \$47,450, with the District paying \$16,550. They do not seem to be receptive to this arrangement.

All sewer installed within their property for later phases of the subdivision will be installed at their expense, and the entire property will be annexed into the Sewer District.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Mr. Chapman presented the following memorandum on the proposed subdivision on N. Little Egypt Road:

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 4, 1998

To: Richard French, County Manager

From: Douglas Chapman, County Engineer

Subject: Proposed Subdivision on N. Little Egypt Road

A subdivision is being planned by East Lincoln Land Company and L.D. Austin Building Company along North Little Egypt Road. The project will include approximately 48 lots, and is located 1,200 feet from the existing East Lincoln Water and Sewer District boundary.

I have met with the developers on several occasions regarding serving the property with water and sewer. An existing 8-inch water line ends approximately 3,200 feet from the subdivision, at Catawba Springs Elementary School. I have

told the developer that we would require a 12-inch line be installed from the existing line, along Little Egypt Road. The developer requests that Lincoln County extend the water to their property, at an estimated cost of \$80,000. The line will be built by the developer, to Lincoln County standards, with the developer paying the engineering costs. Also, the developer will install the lines within the subdivision, including taps. The County had originally agreed to pay approximately half of the cost to extend the line in the spring of 1997, though the developer never signed an agreement. In light of other agreements, primarily with the Knox group, the developer believes that the County should fund the entire extension of water to their property. If the original agreement be discarded, I recommend the County fund the line extension to the property, estimated at \$64,000, and the developer fund that portion of the line along N. Little Egypt Road fronting their property. This project is also a factor for providing water service to the Knox property.

The developer has also requested that sewer service be extended to the property. With gravity sewer being installed along Killian Creek, the subdivision can be served by a single 8-inch gravity line approximately 2,500 feet long, at an estimated cost of \$80,000. I have told the developer that for our extension of sewer to the property, they would be required to pay sewer connection fees up-front for each lot, similar to the Knox agreement. The proposed property would be annexed into the Sewer District.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Doug Chapman presented the following memorandum on the proposed Blades Trail Subdivision:

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 4, 1998
To: Richard French, County Manager
From: Douglas Chapman, County Engineer
Subject: Proposed Blades Trail Subdivision

I have received a request from a developer for a water and sewer flow acceptance letter for a proposed subdivision in eastern Lincoln County. The subdivision will be located on Blades Trail, and contain approximately 308 lots. Attached is a copy of their request, including maps. The southern boundary of the project, 250' fronting on Blades Trail, is within the Sewer District.

With so much growth proposed for the area, and citizen concerns over capacity of the sewer collection and treatment system, I feel it best that the Commissioners review the request, and make a recommendation.

We have previously committed to several substantial projects which may warrant expansion of the Forney Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant within the next 5 – 10 years. Also, the pump station serving the area will need upgrading to allow for this development, existing homes, and the Sailview Subdivision. An estimate for a pump station upgrade has not been determined at this time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Rick French, County Manager, stated that at this time these proposals only needed to be taken as information.

REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT LETTER FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION—LEON HARMON

Leon Harmon, Finance Director, stated that one of the duties of the State Treasurer's Office is to monitor the financial conditions of all local governments in North Carolina. He stated that when they reviewed Lincoln County's they noticed that the available undesignated fund balance had gone below 8%, so they wrote the County a letter stating this concern. Mr. Harmon stated that the County has to respond with a plan on how to address this. He stated that the letter also addresses the funding of the water fund and East Lincoln Sewer District.

Commissioner Larry Craig stated that it is important to point out the fact that by shifting money to the East Lincoln Sewer District and other areas the fund balance has been lowered.

Commissioner James Hallman asked Rick French, County Manager, to work on a response to the Local Government Commission.

DISCUSSION OF NEW COMPUTER COMPACT DISK PROGRAM – JAY HEAVNER

Jay Heavner, Tax Administrator, stated that they have been working on putting the GIS on a CD. He stated that surrounding counties have similar CDs. Lew Hartford, GIS Coordinator, gave a presentation on the Compact Disk Program.

Mr. Heavner stated that the cost of the CD will be around \$250.00. He stated that he would like approval to finalize the CD.

Commissioner James Hallman asked if there would be any liability associated with the CD.

Jeff Taylor, County Attorney, stated that as long as there was a disclaimer, there should not be any liability. He stated that he would like to take a look at the disclaimer.

Commissioner Larry Craig stated that he had a concern at the previous meeting of the Board because the CD was put up for sale without approval of the Board.

Commissioner James Hallman stated that he would like to know about things before they hit the press.

It was the consensus of the Board to move ahead with this project.

**MEDICAL SUPPLEMENT PREMIUM, COST FOR RETIREES
BEREAVEMENT POLICY AMENDMENT
CONSIDERATION OF MEETING DATES**

A motion by Commissioner Terry Brotherton to move Items 8 – 10 on the agenda, Medical Supplement Premium Cost for Retirees, Bereavement Policy Amendment, and Consideration of Meeting Dates to the March 16, 1998 agenda.

VACANCIES

Commissioner James Hallman presented the following vacancies to the Board:

Planning Board	
ETJ	1
Council on Aging	1
Alternate Board of Appeals	2
Dangerous Dog Appellate Board	5
East Lincoln Water and Sewer Advisory Committee	1
Lincoln County Child Protection Team	1
Lincoln-Gaston Area Mental Health Board	1

APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner James Hallman presented the following appointments:

Recreation Commission—Ironton Township
- Wayne Bess
- John Jack O'Brien

Planning Board – North Brook

- Linda Anthony

A motion by Commissioner James Hallman to appoint Wayne Bess and John (Jack) O'Brien to the Recreation Commission for the Ironton Township and Linda Anthony to the Planning Board for North Brook.

Seconded by Commissioner Larry Craig.
Unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Leon Harmon, Finance Director, stated that the County is able to get sales tax money back on anything bought during the year. He stated that if anything is constructed, any materials that the contractor pays sales tax for, the County can apply to get the sales tax money back. He stated that schools are not able to do this. Mr. Harmon stated that there can be special Legislation or an Interlocal Agreement could be signed to get this sales tax back.

Rick French, County Manager, stated that the Board could adopt a Resolution, effective immediately.

A motion by Commissioner Larry Craig to approve the Interlocal Agreement for sales tax for Pumpkin Center School.

Seconded by Commissioner Terry Brotherton.
Unanimously approved.

Rick French, County Manager, stated that the next EDA meeting would be on March 19, 1998 at 5:00 PM.

Vice Chairman James Hallman called for a five minute recess.
Vice Chairman James Hallman called the meeting back to order.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chairman James Hallman advised that there was a need for a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a Contractual and Personnel matter.

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

Seconded by Commissioner Terry Brotherton.
Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Terry Brotherton motioned for the Board to come out of Closed Session.

Seconded by Commissioner Beth Saine.
Unanimously approved.

Chairman McConnell advised that the Board would return to Open Session.

OPEN SESSION

Sheriff Barbara Pickens stated that she asked for the exemption for the Universal Hiring Program, but the County does not qualify for it. Sheriff Pickens stated that she was told that the County could take either part of the grant or all of it.

Commissioner Terry Brotherton asked if these officers could be put on the street and place existing officers in the jail.

Sheriff Pickens stated that the Universal Hiring Grant was only to put additional officers in the street. She stated that she would not put existing officers in the jail.

Commissioner Larry Craig asked what the cost would be on 4 officers instead of 8.

Sheriff Pickens stated that it would be around \$60,000 for 4 officers.

It was the consensus of the Board that due to financial restraints the County would not participate in this Grant at this time.

Rick French, County Manager, stated that the Lincoln Charter School has received approval and is looking for a facility to lease. Mr. French stated that it is possible that the school could use the Block Smith Gym, and pay the costs to fix the building up as the lease. Mr. French stated that he will pursue this.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Commissioner Terry Brotherton motioned that the Board adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Beth Saine.
Unanimously approved.