

MINUTES
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on April 21, 2008 at the Citizens Center, Commissioners Room, 115 W. Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 6:30 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Thomas R. Anderson, PE, Chairman
Alex E. Patton, Vice Chairman
Bruce Carlton
James A. Klein
Marie Moore

Others Present:

George A. Wood, County Manager
Jeffrey A. Taylor, County Attorney
Amy S. Atkins, Clerk to the Board
Ron Rombs, EMS Director
Kevin Starr, County Extension Director
Steve Gilbert, Public Works Director
Barry McKinnon, Sr. Utility Engineer
Leon Harmon, Finance Director

Call to Order: Chairman Anderson called the April 21, 2008 meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to order.

Invocation: Associate Pastor Doug McClain, Southside Baptist Church, gave the Invocation. Chairman Anderson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda: Chairman Anderson presented the agenda for the Board's approval.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as modified.

AGENDA

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 21, 2008

6:30 PM Call to Order

6:31 PM Invocation – Doug McClain, Associate Pastor
Southside Baptist Church

6:32 PM Pledge of Allegiance

1. 6:33 PM Adoption of Agenda

2. 6:34 PM Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes
- Tax Requests for Refunds – More than \$100
 - March 3 – 16, 2008
- Budget Adjustments 84-88
- Older Americans Month – May 2008

3. 6:35 PM Public Comments

4. 6:50 PM LCEMS – Model EMS System Designation – Drexdal Pratt

4a. Charter School Discussion – Todd Wolfhurst

5. 7:00 PM Lincoln County Family YMCA Program Expansion Presentation – Ron Johnston

6. 7:15 PM North Carolina Cooperative Extension Plan of Work for Lincoln County – Kevin Starr

7. 7:30 PM Recommendation on Change of Medical Billing/Collection Vendor for EMS – George Wood

8. 7:40 PM Public Hearing – Economic Incentive Grant for Existing Industry – Crystal Gettys

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10. 8:00 PM Recommendation Concerning Revaluation – George Wood

11. 8:10 PM Discussion of County Manager's Memo regarding the revenue neutral tax rate; the value of each penny on the tax rate; the debt service requirements for the proposed \$44,600,000 School Bond Referendum; and the value of the 1/4% local option sales tax that is on the May 6th ballot – George Wood

12. 8:30 PM Work Session on Enterprise Fund Budgets – George Wood

13. 9:30 PM Drought Update – Steve Gilbert

14. 9:40 PM Update on Sewer Plant – Steve Gilbert

15. 9:45 PM Capital Project Reports – Steve Gilbert

16. 9:50 PM Finance Officer's Report

17. 9:55 PM County Manager's Report

18. 10:00 PM County Commissioners' Report

19. 10:05 PM County Attorney's Report

20. 10:10 PM Vacancies/Appointments

21. 10:15 PM Calendar

22. 10:20 PM Other Business

Adjourn

Consent Agenda: **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Patton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

- Approval of Minutes
- April 7, 2008
- Tax Requests for Refunds – More than \$100
- March 3 – 16, 2008

LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT
ANNUALS

REQUEST FOR REFUNDS

PERIOD COVERED (March 3, 2008-March 16, 2008)

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

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Davis, Michael S.	2007	CFD	0201117	432.00
			TOTAL	\$ 432.00

LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT
MOTOR VEHICLES

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Breslin Consulting, LLC	2007	ELFD	0181348	121.23
			TOTAL	\$121.23

- Budget Adjustments 84-88

No. 84: To budget \$1,041 for supplemental payment received for 2006 SCAAP grant. Money received October 2007.

No. 85: To budget \$15,186 for payment received for 2007 SCAAP grant. Money to be received December 2007 or January 2008.

No. 86: Per State assuming portion of Medicaid costs in current year, transfer portion of funds not need to pay Medicaid along with hold harmless revenue to school capital reserve fund to make up for lost ADM funds

No. 87: To budget for transfer out of certain E. Lincoln County Water & Sewer District's assets and certain liabilities, along with certain assets and certain liabilities of the associated CIP fund

- Older Americans Month – May 2008

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

Henry Fogle, Vice Chair of LNRC, stated that an article that recently ran in the Charlotte Observer, which said that a national group will name the Catawba River the most endangered river in America. He urged the Board to take over the lake buffer zone enforcement.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Anderson declared the public comments section closed.

LCEMS – Model EMS System Designation – Drexdal Pratt: Drexdal Pratt stated that tonight, Lincoln County becomes the 13th county designated as a model system in North Carolina. He presented Ron Rombs with the Designation.

Charter School Discussion: Todd Wolfhurst gave an update on the turn lane at the Charter School on Highway 16. He stated that the Charter School is working diligently to get the turn lane installed this summer. Mr. Wolfhurst said that the plans have not been approved by DOT yet. He presented a report from the medical examiner's office which says that there have been no traffic fatalities in front of the East Lincoln Charter School.

Lincoln County Family YMCA Program Expansion Presentation – Ron Johnston: Ron Johnston stated that the YMCA is here tonight to request a land donation from the Commissioners. This is 4 +/- acres that is located on the CMC-Lincoln hospital property. The Hospital Executive Committee has given their support to the project, but they are here to ask the Commissioners to donate this property to the YMCA. The site would be

used for a summer day camp program. The property the camp is currently run on is a borrowed site and is very close to the road. The proposed site would be farther away from the road and would have running water, electricity, restrooms and shelter.

Mr. Johnston stated that if the Board approves this land donation, the YMCA Board of Managers will begin a capital fundraising campaign.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Patton, the Board voted unanimously to express the pleasure of the Board to agree with this request and subject to the appropriate paperwork being drawn by the County Attorney and brought back before the Board.

North Carolina Cooperative Extension Plan of Work for Lincoln County – Kevin Starr: Kevin Starr, County Extension Director, presented a draft of Cooperative Extension's Plan of Work for Lincoln County. He presented the objectives to address the Cooperative Extension's Long Range Plan:

- Youth and adults will develop and strengthen critical life skills
- North Carolina's plant, animal and food systems will become more profitable and sustainable
- Producers will increase sales of food locally to more agriculturally aware consumers through market development, producer and consumer education, and new farmer and infrastructure support
- Individuals and groups will acquire leadership and decision making capacities needed to guide and actively participate in local and state organizations
- Youth and adults will address community issues and/or challenges through volunteerism
- Youth and adult program participants will make healthy food choices, achieve the recommended amount of physical activity and reduce risk factors for chronic diseases
- Parents and caregivers will effectively use recommended parenting, self care practices and community resources
- Adults and youth will apply financial management practices to cover basic necessities, increase savings, reduce debt and build long-term assets
- Consumers, communities, and organizations will become more efficient in their use of energy and increase their proportional use of renewable energy sources (wind/microhydro/solar/landfill gas/geothermal)
- Consumers and communities will enhance the value of plants, animals, and landscapes while conserving valuable natural resources while protecting the environment.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Plan of Work for Lincoln County as presented.

Recommendation on Change of Medical Billing/Collection Vendor for EMS: George Wood, County Manager, presented a recommendation from Ron Rombs, EMS Director, to change the company that does our Emergency Medical Services billing and collection. The proposed company would charge 1% less than the current company. That is a

\$22,000 savings on the estimated \$2,200,000 in annual billings next fiscal year. In addition, there have been some issues with the billing and collection itself. Some of those issues have been resolved, but Mr. Rombs is still not completely satisfied with the customer service. There is also an additional savings because the new service provider will include the EMSCharts patient care reporting software that we currently have to pay \$7,500 annually to get.

The recommended provider, EMS Management and Consultants, Inc. has a number of county customers in N.C. and has a good track record with them.

Mr. Wood recommended changing service providers to EMS Management and Consultants, Inc., which will provide better service while saving the county \$29,500 per year.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted unanimously to recommend approval.

Public Hearing – Economic Incentive Grant for Existing Industry: Crystal Gettys presented information concerning the Economic Incentive Grant for Cataler North America. She stated that Cataler has been in Lincoln County since 2002, employing approximately 290 people. This is Cataler's third expansion and will be an investment of 16.3 million dollars, of which \$11,410,000 will qualify for incentives. Within 2 years, Cataler is expected to provide 30 jobs with average weekly wages of \$520. The incentive grant will result in cash grants to Cataler of \$52,200.75 per year for a five year period.

Jason Carswell of Cataler North America thanked the Board for the support of Cataler and said that they look forward to the Board's continued support.

Chairman Anderson opened the Public Hearing concerning the Economic Incentive Grant for Cataler North America.

Being no one wishing to speak, Chairman Anderson Declared the Public Hearing closed.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ECONOMIC INCENTIVE
GRANT AGREEMENT WITH CATALER NORTH AMERICA
CORPORATION**

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

WHEREAS, Cataler North America Corporation has developed plans for the installation

of manufacturing machinery and equipment in Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to encourage such development by means of offering incentives to aid in such efforts;

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

1. The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Lincoln County Incentive Grant Agreement (attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference) among Lincoln County and Cataler North America Corporation.
2. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of Lincoln County in order to effectuate this transaction.
3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

This 21st day of April, 2008.

Tom R. Anderson, Chairman
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Amy S. Atkins, Clerk to the Board

**LINCOLN COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT
AGREEMENT WITH CATALER NORTH AMERICA CORPORATION**

NORTH CAROLINA

LINCOLN COUNTY

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of the 21st day of April, 2008, by and between LINCOLN COUNTY, a body corporate and politic (hereinafter referred to as "the County"), and Cataler North America Corporation, a North Carolina corporation (hereinafter referred to as

“Cataler”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Cataler has developed plans for the installation of manufacturing machinery and equipment in Lincoln County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County verily believes that the location of new industries and the expansion of existing industries is vital to the economic health of Lincoln County and to the welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to encourage such development by means of offering incentives to recruit new industries and to aid in expansion of existing industries; and

WHEREAS, such incentives are predicated on the notion of expanding Lincoln County's tax base and providing additional jobs for Lincoln County's citizens that pay wages higher than the current prevailing average hourly wage in the particular industry; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is appropriate and in the best interests of Lincoln County and its citizens to offer incentives in the form of both cash grants and assistance with making public services available; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believes that it is appropriate and reasonable to expect Cataler to bind itself to the County to produce certain results in conjunction with the project described herein as conditions of the incentives being offered by the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein set forth, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. On or before September 1, 2008, Cataler shall begin the installation of manufacturing machinery and equipment at its manufacturing facility in Lincoln County, North Carolina.
2. Within two years of the date of this agreement, Cataler shall make an investment upon

such machinery and equipment of \$16,300,000, of which \$11,410,000 will qualify for incentives under the Lincoln County Industrial Incentive Grant Policy.

3. Within two years of the date of this agreement, Cataler shall provide at such site at least 30 new jobs paying average weekly wages of \$520.00.

4. In consideration of the performance of the aforesaid obligations by Cataler, the County will provide cash grants to Cataler of \$52,200.75 per year for a five-year period. Lincoln County will pay such grants beginning in the tax year after the project's completion. Grants will be paid to Cataler within 30 days after Cataler has made its tax payment for the then-current year and has notified Lincoln Economic Development Association of the payment. This amount represents a Level II grant under the Lincoln County Industrial Development Incentive Grant Policy for New and Existing Industries.

5. In the event that the value of the investment actually made by Cataler pursuant to this agreement is greater or less than the aforementioned contract amount, the incentive grants to be provided hereunder will be adjusted upward or downward on a pro-rata basis.

6. Cataler specifically agrees that in the event that all or any portion of this agreement or any incentive grant or payment to be made hereunder is declared to be unconstitutional, illegal, or otherwise enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction, Cataler shall indemnify and hold harmless Lincoln County and its Board of Commissioners, individually and collectively, from any loss or liability and shall reimburse Lincoln County by the amount of any such grant or payment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals as of the day and year first above written.

CATALER NORTH AMERICA CORPORATION

By: _____
President

ATTEST:

_____ (Corporate seal)

Secretary

LINCOLN COUNTY

By: _____

Thomas R. Anderson, Chairman

Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Amy S. Atkins

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Carlton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Economic Incentive Grant for Cataler North America.

Public Hearing – Economic Incentive Grant for Existing Industry: Crystal Gettys presented an economic incentive grant for Crate and Barrel. Crate and Barrel has been in Lincoln County since 2005 and employs 66 people. This is their third expansion and has a total investment of \$21,550,000, of which \$19,675,000 will qualify for incentives. Within 2 years, Crate and Barrel is expected to provide 50 new jobs paying average weekly wages of \$480. The incentive grant will result in cash grants of \$102,014.88 per year for a five year period.

John Ling, of Crate and Barrel, thanked the Board for supporting them over the last four years. He stated that this has been a very successful operation for them. Mr. Ling stated that 95% of the associates at this location have been hired locally. He stated that this new operation is a regional distribution center that will be expandable.

Chairman Anderson opened the public hearing.

Being no one wishing to speak, Chairman Anderson declared the public hearing closed.

**LINCOLN COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT
AGREEMENT WITH EUROMARKET DESIGNS, INC. and TKC CXXI,
LLC.**

NORTH CAROLINA
LINCOLN COUNTY

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of the 21st day of April, 2008, by and between
LINCOLN COUNTY, a body corporate and politic (hereinafter referred to as "the
County"), and
EUROMARKET DESIGNS, INC., an Illinois corporation (hereinafter referred to as
"Euromarket

Designs"); and TKC CXXI, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as "TKC").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Euromarket Designs has developed plans for a new facility in Lincoln County, North Carolina in the Lincoln County Industrial Park (hereinafter referred to as the "Park"); and

WHEREAS, TKC will construct a new facility on such property to be occupied by Euromarket Designs under a long-term lease agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County verily believes that the location of new industries and the expansion of existing industries is vital to the economic health of Lincoln County and to the welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to encourage such development by means of offering incentives to recruit new industries and to aid in expansion of existing industries; and

WHEREAS, such incentives are predicated on the notion of expanding Lincoln County's tax base and providing additional jobs for Lincoln County's citizens that pay wages higher than the current prevailing average hourly wage in the particular industry; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is appropriate and in the best interests of Lincoln County and its citizens to offer incentives in the form of both cash grants and assistance with making public services available; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believes that it is appropriate and reasonable to expect Euromarket Designs and TKC to bind itself to the County to produce certain results in conjunction with the project described herein as conditions of the incentives being offered by the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein set forth, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. On or before September 1, 2008, TKC shall begin construction of a new facility on such site for occupancy by Euromarket Designs.
2. Within two years of the date of this agreement, Euromarket Designs and TKC shall make an investment upon such site in building and equipment of \$21,550,000.00, of which \$19,675,000.00 will qualify for incentives under the Lincoln County Industrial Incentive Grant Policy.
3. Within two years of the date of this agreement, Euromarket Designs shall provide at such site at least 50 new jobs paying average weekly wages of \$480.00 per week.
4. In consideration of the performance of the aforesaid obligations by Euromarket Designs and TKC, the County will provide cash grants to Euromarket Designs of \$102,014.88 per year for a five-year period. One full year after the project's completion, such cash grants will be paid to Euromarket Designs 30 days after their tax payment for the then current year has been received by Lincoln County and after the company has notified Lincoln Economic Development Association their taxes have been paid. This amount represents a Level III grant under the Lincoln County Industrial Development Incentive Grant Policy for New and Existing Industries.
5. In the event that the value of the investment actually made by Euromarket Designs and TKC pursuant to this agreement is greater or less than the aforementioned contract amount, the incentive grants to be provided hereunder will be adjusted upward or downward on a pro-rata basis.
6. Euromarket Designs and TKC specifically agrees that in the event that all or any portion of this agreement or any incentive grant or payment to be made hereunder is declared to be unconstitutional, illegal, or otherwise enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction, Euromarket Designs and TKC shall indemnify and hold harmless Lincoln County and its Board of Commissioners, individually and collectively, from any loss or liability and shall reimburse

Lincoln County by the amount of any such grant or payment received by Euromarket Designs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals as of the day and
year first above written.

EUROMARKET DESIGNS, INC.

By: _____
President

ATTEST: _____ (Corporate seal)
Secretary

TKC CXXI, LLC.

By: _____
Authorized Member

LINCOLN COUNTY

By: _____
Thomas R. Anderson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
Amy S. Atkins
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Klein, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Economic Incentive Grant for Crate and Barrel.

Recommendation Concerning Revaluation: George Wood, County Manager, stated that the Board asked at the last meeting that he review the revaluation process, and make a recommendation to them. He has met with Tax Administrator Madge Huffman and reviewed some of the individual situations that were reported to the Board.

The Lincoln County revaluation process is a mass appraisal of over 45,000 individual parcels of property every four years. In a mass appraisal, as opposed to an individual appraisal (such as is done for a home mortgage), the method is to establish a schedule of values to be applied throughout the county. Those values are based upon the current costs of construction, and the current values of various properties. When Mrs. Huffman and her staff had completed the schedule of values and applied them to the appraisal of the properties, they had the NC Department of Revenue, Property Tax Division, come in and review it. Mrs. Huffman was, and is, comfortable that the schedule is solidly in

compliance with state law. The Department of Revenue did not object to any of the values.

In a mass appraisal, once the schedule of values is set, the next major step is applying that schedule to each individual parcel and its improvements. This is a major undertaking and with over 45,000 parcels, mistakes can be made on some of the properties. That is the issue before us now.

North Carolina contemplates that such mistakes may happen in all 100 counties. The Property Tax Division does not have the manpower to review the thousands of appeals that would result across the state. Therefore, the General Assembly has spelled out an appeal process to assure fairness for those individual property owners where a mistake may have been made.

First, there is an Informal Appeal Process. Individuals can contact the Tax Administrator's Office and ask for a review of their reappraisal. The time period for those appeals has ended. Anyone who does not agree with the outcome of the informal appeal process to the Tax Administrator's Office can appeal to the Board of Equalization and Review.

Second, individuals can file for the Formal Appeal Process. That process began on April 7th, and filing can continue through April 29th at noon. Those appeals would go to the Board of Equalization and Review. This is a local board appointed by the Board of Commissioners to hear these appeals and render a decision. The individual can provide the information that he believes entitles him to some relief from the reappraisal. The Board of E&R can change the reappraisal set by the Tax Administrator's Office.

Third, if the individual does not agree with the Board of Equalization and Review's decision, he can appeal to the NC Property Tax Commission. Again, the individual can make his case as to why he should be granted some relief from the reappraisal. This Commission can change the reappraisal set by the Tax Administrator's Office or the Board of E&R.

Fourth, if the individual does not agree with the State Property Tax Commission's decision, he may appeal to the NC Court of Appeals. It, of course, has the authority to change the decision of the NC Property Tax Commission.

This process gives the individual three different opportunities to overturn the reappraisal decision of the Tax Administrator's Office. If a mistake in applying the schedule of values has been made on an individual parcel of property and its improvements, this process is designed to catch it. Note what is not involved in this process: a role for elected officials or local judges. The reason for that is obvious. The state wants the process to be as objective and neutral as possible.

There is a doctrine in the law that a person must exhaust all his administrative remedies before he can come to court. In other words, if a process or procedure is spelled out in

the NC statutes, a person must follow that procedure before he can seek recourse to the courts on the matter. Mr. Wood stressed that because there is a very detailed process for review and appeals of individual reappraisals in the state statutes. We need to encourage our citizens to use that process precisely as it is laid out. If we, or they, deviate from that process, their rights of appeal may be negatively affected. The County does not need to do anything that might jeopardize those rights.

Revaluations are always a very emotional issue, particularly when some areas of the county have experienced very high reappraisals. But the law already contemplates that, and sets out a detailed process for reviewing each case. In this reappraisal, the Tax Administrator feels the schedule of values are correct. The number of appeals actually filed is not above the average for a reappraisal, despite some very high reappraisals in the area of Lake Norman. The State Property Tax Division reviewed our values and their application to individual properties and did not object to it. Given that situation, Mr. Wood believes the best course of action is to proceed with the individual appeals as laid out in state law. This is the best method available, and the one recognized by the NC courts, for determining if a mistake was made on an individual's property.

Chairman Anderson asked if the number of people who serve on the Board of Equalization and Review are sufficient. Madge Huffman stated that she feels like they have a sufficient amount of members.

Discussion of County Manager's Memo regarding the revenue neutral tax rate; the value of each penny on the tax rate; the debt service requirements for the proposed \$44,600,000 School Bond Referendum; and the value of the 1/4% local option sales tax that is on the May 6th ballot: George Wood presented information concerning the revenue neutral tax rate, value of each penny on the tax rate, the debt service requirement for the proposed \$44,600,000 School Bond Referendum; and the 1/4% local option sales tax.

Mr. Wood stated that the revenue neutral tax rate is projected to be 50.01 cents. One cent on the tax rate is projected to bring in \$798,111. The debt service requirements for the proposed \$44,600,000 School Bond Referendum will be 3.19 cents per \$100 tax rate increase for a 4-year period. The local option sales tax would bring in the equivalent of 1.87 cents of the property tax rate.

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

Work Session on Enterprise Fund Budgets: Mr. Wood presented the budget for the enterprise funds: East Lincoln Water and Sewer District Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, Water & Sewer Capital Projects Fund, and the Landfill Fund.

The Board instructed Mr. Wood to proceed based upon the information provided to finalize these budgets.

Drought Update – Steve Gilbert: Steve Gilbert gave a drought update. He stated that surrounding jurisdictions have lessened restrictions further to allow for filling of swimming pools and car washing one day per week on an odd/even, Saturday/Sunday basis. It was the consensus of the Board to have Mr. Gilbert make a recommendation to the Manager about this and issue a press release.

Update on Sewer Plant – Steve Gilbert: Steve Gilbert gave an update on the sewer plant.

County Attorney's Report: Jeff Taylor stated that their motion was heard today for a change of venue in the Maiden Lawsuit. A ruling has not been made yet.

He stated that the Sheriff's Department brought him a copy of the False Alarm Ordinance after the last meeting. He said this should be ready for the Board by the next meeting.

Vacancies/Appointments: **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Klein, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following appointments:

Library Board:

Reappoint Mr. Fred Houser as the City Council Rep.
Appoint: Charles Lampley (Catawba Springs)
Rebecca Powell (Ironton)

Board of Health:

Reappoint: Jerry Cook
Sharon Starr
Bob Hitt

Pathways:

Reappoint: Jim McIntyre

Gaston College Board of Trustees

Appoint: Jim R. Watson (to fill the expired term of Wayne Lowe)

Historic Properties Commission:

Robin Barger

Lincoln Natural Resources Commission:

Sylvia Holmes

Workforce Development Board:

Reappoint: Shelly McGraw

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council:

Cathy Goodson Davis

Calendar: Chairman Anderson presented the May 2008 calendar.

Closed Session: UPON MOTION by Commissioner Klein, the Board voted unanimously to enter Closed Session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 143-318.11 – 5: To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.

Recess: UPON MOTION by Commissioner Patton, the Board voted unanimously to recess the meeting until Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Amy S. Atkins, Clerk
Board of Commissioners

Thomas R. Anderson, PE, Chairman
Board of Commissioners