

MINUTES
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2011

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met October 3, 2011 at the Citizens Center, Commissioners' Room, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, at 6:30 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Alex E. Patton, Chairman
George Arena, Vice Chair
James A. Klein
Carl E. Robinson, Jr.

Commissioners Absent:

Carrol Mitchem

Others Present:

Martha W. Lide, Assistant County Manager
Wesley L. Deaton, County Attorney
Amy S. Atkins, Clerk to the Board

Call to Order: Chairman Patton called the October 3, 2011 meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to order.

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

AGENDA

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 3, 2011

6:30 PM	Call to Order
6:31 PM	Invocation – Commissioner Patton
6:32 PM	Pledge of Allegiance
1.	6:33 PM Adoption of Agenda
2.	6:35 PM Consent Agenda
	- Tax Requests for Releases – More than \$100
	- August 16 - September 15, 2011
	- Tax Requests for Refunds - More than \$100
	- August 22 - September 14, 2011

- Sponsored Group Status
 - Lincoln County YMCA
- Approval of Minutes
 - September 12, 2011
- Approval of SHIIP Grant (Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program)
 - National 4-H Week Proclamation

3. 6:40 PM Public Comments

4. 6:55 PM Regional Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant - Andrew Bryant

5. 7:00 PM Pathways Intent to Merge - Rhett Melton

6. 7:10 PM Motion to Approve 2012-2014 Work First County Plan - Susan McCracken

7. 7:15 PM Public Hearing for Ambulance Purchase Under Piggyback Bid and motion to approve purchase order to Northwestern Emergency Vehicles for the purchase of 3 new American Emergency Vehicle Ambulances at \$121,336.00 for a total purchase price of \$364,008.00 - Martha Lide

8. 7:20 PM Approval of Bids for Library Furnishings - Jennifer Sackett – Interior Systems

9. 7:30 PM Agreement for Co-location Space in Lincoln County Building - Dante' Patterson

10. 7:45 PM Notification of Rock Springs Grant Award - PARTF Grant of \$415,000

11. 7:55 PM Other Business

- Appointment of Jessie Townsend to Jury Commission

Adjourn

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Arena, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

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

- Tax Requests for Releases – More than \$100
 - August 16 - September 15, 2011

LINCOLN COUNTY
TAX DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR RELEASES

LINCOLN COUNTY

1 of 2

G.S. #105-381 (B) ALL RELEASES MORE THAN \$100
AND #105-325 INCLUDING (A) (6)

PERIOD COVERED
(August 16, 2011 - September 15, 2011)

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NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C NO	AMOUNT	REASON
Boughrum, Richard	2011	ELFD/ELSD	0213812	\$105.03	Personal property in Mecklenburg County as of 1/1/2011.
Burke, Thomas	2011	ELFD/ELSD	0234985	\$219.56	Personal property in Mecklenburg County as of 1/1/2011.
DK & SK Grading LLC	2009-2010	NBFD	0212610	\$693.00	Did not own business personal property as of 1/1/2009.
Edwards, William C	2008-2011	ELFD/ELSD	0133883	\$8,442.80	Adjustment of value from N.C. Property Tax Commission.
Edwards, William C	2011	ELFD	0126803	\$182.02	Adjustment of value from N.C. Property Tax Commission.
Green, Steven Jason	2010-2011	ELFD/ELSD	0235044	\$148.71	Billing error.
Honeycutt, Doug L	2001-2002	ELFD/ELSD	0126862	\$462.96	Did not own personal property as of 1/1/2001.
Hoyle Carolyn S	2011	N-321	0065717	\$6,142.64	Land-use qualification approved.
Jewell, Reginald V Heirs of	2011	HCFD	0222984	\$243.00	Remove 3 availability fees.
Lakeview Obstetrics & Gynecology	2011	City	0211714	\$131.66	District correction.
Lankford, Amber Lynn	2009-2011	ELFD/ELSD	0194894	\$243.59	Did not own personal property as of 1/1/2009.
Miller, Brian	2011	ELFD/ELSD	0235030	\$202.66	Personal property in Iredell County as of 1/1/2011.
Ogburn, Robert M	2011	N-321	10863	\$4,373.66	Land-use qualification approved.
Rees, Mark	2011	ELFD/ELSD	0235039	\$351.59	Personal property in Mecklenburg County as of 1/1/2011.
Residential Mortgage Solution	2010-2011	PCFD	0190491	\$1,149.10	Did not own manufactured home as of 1/1/2010.
Saine, Jerry Kenneth Sr.	2011	HCFD	08285	\$162.00	Remove 2 availability fees.

SUBMITTED BY:

Madge Huffman DATE: 9/20/11
MADGE HUFFMAN, TAX ADJ.

APPROVED BY:

DATE: _____
GEORGE WOOD
COUNTY MANAGER

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TAX DEPARTMENT

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NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C NO	AMOUNT	REASON
Vick, Thomas Michael	2011	ELFD/ELSD	0145543	\$138.03	Did not own personal property as of 1/1/2011.
Vintage Homes Group LLC	2011	ELFD/ELSD	0188926	\$202.48	Assessment adjustment of real property.
				TOTAL	\$23,594.49

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PERIOD COVERED
(Aug 16, 2011 - Sept 15, 2011)

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C NO	AMOUNT	REASON
Bauer, Clinton Bonaventure	2011	City	0233070	\$104.97	Vehicle taxable in Catawba County.
Beatty, Perry Craig	2010	ELFD/ELSD	0202588	\$164.19	Pro-rated bill.
Benton Tour & Travel Inc	2010	N-321	0173391	\$308.84	Pro-rated bill.
Bunch, Joe W	2011	City	0170072	\$101.36	Vehicle taxable in Cabarrus County.
Burgin, Mattney	2011	ALFD	0191745	\$108.17	Pro-rated bill.
Combs, Ginger Watson	2011	ELFD/ELSD	0119615	\$101.32	Pro-rated bill.
Duncan, Jan Sanzo	2011	City	0194768	\$135.38	Pro-rated bill.
Hall, Jason Matthew	2011	City	0234225	\$235.38	Vehicle taxable in Gaston County.
Hermann, James Howard	2011	BCFD	0111901	\$242.07	Pro-rated bill.
Hickory Auto Recovery Inc	2010	BCFD	0208763	\$158.41	Pro-rated bill.
Johnson, Frederick Nelson	2011	BCFD	0134129	\$1,160.97	Assessment adjustment of vehicle.
Rice, David Benny Jr	2010	City	0165576	\$124.97	Vehicle taxable in Gaston County.
Rowland, Tommy Dean	2011	City	0233658	\$193.91	Vehicle taxable in Cleveland County.
Schafer, Bryan William	2011	DFD/ELSD	0234207	\$103.19	Pro-rated bill.
Sargent, Billy D	2011	City	0193550	\$216.96	Vehicle taxable in Mecklenburg County.

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AND #105-325 INCLUDING (A) (6)

PERIOD COVERED
(Aug 16, 2011 - Sept 15, 2011)

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C NO	AMOUNT	REASON
				TOTAL	\$3,460.09

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LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT
MOTOR VEHICLES

REQUEST FOR REFUNDS

PERIOD COVERED (AUGUST 22, 2011-SEPTEMBER 4, 2011)

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

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT	REASON
LEXUS FINANCIAL SERV.	2010	DFD/ELSD	0165028	292.04	SOLD PRIOR TO TAG/TAX YEAR
			TOTAL	\$292.04	

LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT
ANNUALS

REQUEST FOR REFUNDS

PERIOD COVERED (AUGUST 22, 2011-SEPTEMBER 4, 2011)

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

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT	REASON
BLACK, SARAH M.	2011	ELFD/ELSD	0134341	243.00	REMOVAL OF 3 AV FEES
HUNT, CLARENCE C.	2011	PCFD	0125462	241.67	VALUE CHANGE FROM CORRECTED SQ. FT.
		TOTAL		\$ 484.67	

Public Comments: Chairman Patton opened Public Comments.

Rudy Bauer showed the Board bottles of water. He said they need help right now since the coves are still getting silt in them. He said now is the time to do something.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Patton declared the Public Comments section closed.

Regional Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant: Andrew Bryant presented the

As a result of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and NC Senate Bill 300, all local governments including counties, cities and towns are required to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan that must be updated at least every five years. The types of hazard mitigation plans throughout North Carolina range from town or city plans to multi jurisdictional plans to regional plans. There are approximately 130 hazard mitigation plans throughout North Carolina that must be updated every five years.

The City of Lincolnton and Lincoln County currently have an adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan. County staff spent approximately 300-400 hours preparing the Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2009. In an effort to reduce the resources necessary to provide for the required 2015 update, the County has investigated alternative approaches. They have discovered that there is federal grant funding available through North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) for regional hazard mitigation plans. The grant provides monies for local emergency management coordinators to jointly hire a consultant to combine several local plans into a regional plan. A regional approach will be more efficient collectively than each individual jurisdiction undergoing their own effort. While hazard profiling will be consolidated, the hazard mitigation strategies will be separate for each jurisdiction.

The County is engaged in discussions with the State regarding a grant application to provide funding for a consultant to develop a regional Hazard Mitigation Plan with local input that would cover Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln Counties and their incorporated jurisdictions. This would incorporate three multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plans into one regional plan. The discussions to date have centered around Gaston County serving as the lead for the multi-jurisdictional project. Gaston would be the point of

contact for invoice submittal and cost report reimbursement from the State to the consultant. The grant would be managed by Gaston County for all involved parties. NCEM will be writing the grant application. The grant is competitive and there is no guarantee of funding. If the grant is not received, the jurisdictions may pursue alternate means of completing a regional plan. If a regional plan is completed, the goal is to have it complete by December, 2014. This would push back the date for the next required update to 2019.

In order for the County to participate in the regional effort, the enclosed Memorandum of Understanding will need to be approved by the Board of Commissioners. This is a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding and the county can opt out of the regional effort at a later point if it chooses. There is no requirement for a local match from the county in order to participate in the regional effort.

WHAT: Regional hazard mitigation plan. North Carolina project for regionalization of hazard mitigation plans.

WHO: Cleveland, Gaston, & Lincoln Counties

HOW: Emergency management local coordinators jointly hire a consultant/company to combine each of their multi-jurisdictional plans into a regional plan.

WHEN: Regional plan completed and approved by December 2014.

GOAL: Acquire grant monies to proceed with regionalization of three hazard mitigation plans.

LEAD: Gaston County would serve as the lead for the project and point of contact for invoice submittal and cost report reimbursement from the State of North Carolina to the contractor. The grant would be managed by Gaston County for all involved parties. Reimbursement method would be utilized. No up-front monies would be issued to Gaston County or any other county. Actual costs incurred will be all that will be eligible for reimbursement.

SCOPE: Scope of work to be determined by the three counties involved with input and guidance from NC Emergency Management staff.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Alex E. Patton, Chairman
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Amy S. Atkins
Clerk to the Board

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Arena, the Board voted unanimously to apply for the grant and approve the Memorandum of Understanding.

Pathways Intent to Merge: Rhett Melton, Area Director for Pathways, presented the following information:

As we have been discussing since April, Pathways has been moving forward with the merger process you endorsed via resolution in May of this year. To that end, the Boards of Pathways, Mental Health Partners, and Crossroads have met collectively as well as individually and have developed the *"Intent to Merge"* document to come before the Boards of County Commissioners in October. That document is being sent to commissioners in advance of the meeting so that any clarity or additional information you need can be provided well in advance of your scheduled meeting. The document is attached for your review. Below are several key points about the document and the related process:

- Pathways will be the surviving entity. I will assume the role of CEO of the merged entity and my two colleagues will serve as Director of Community Relations and Director of Clinical Operations in the combined organization.
- The board of the merged entity will be comprised of county commissioner appointed members proportionate to the population that the individual county represents to the total merged population.
- A merger committee representing members from the three current, independent boards of directors for the Local Management Entities will be formed to provide an advisory function and offer direction to leadership during the work related to merger. Decision making authority for the three boards remains with the three full boards of directors.
- The organization will function on a hub and spoke design with the main corporate office remaining at 901 South New Hope Road in Gastonia and "spoke" locations remaining in the principle business locations of the other two merging partners.
- The boards have restricted money which has been approved by the state for this purpose and no additional money is being requested from the counties.

- The assets and liabilities of the three current organizations will be combined on the date of the formal merger which is planned for July 1, 2012.

We are excited about having been selected by the state to proceed with this very important transition for the community and are confident in the partnership that is being created as a result of this merger.

**INTENT TO MERGE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CROSSROADS BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE AND
MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERS AND
THE GASTON-LINCOLN-CLEVELAND MENTAL HEALTH/
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES/SUBSTANCE
ABUSE AUTHORITY (d/b/a PATHWAYS)**

WHEREAS, Crossroads Behavioral Healthcare is currently established as a multi-county area mental health, developmental disabilities, substance abuse authority and local management entity (hereinafter referred to as "Crossroads"); and

WHEREAS, Mental Health Partners is currently established as a multi-county area mental health, developmental disabilities, substance abuse authority and local management entity (hereinafter referred to as "MHP"); and

WHEREAS, Gaston-Lincoln-Cleveland Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities/Substance Abuse Authority is currently established as a multi-county area mental health, developmental disabilities, substance abuse authority and local management entity (hereinafter referred to as "Pathways"); and

WHEREAS, Crossroads serves the counties of Iredell, Surry and Yadkin and its Board is appointed by the respective Boards of Commissioners from these counties; and

WHEREAS, MHP serves the counties of Burke and Catawba and its Board is appointed by the respective Boards of Commissioners from these counties; and

WHEREAS, Pathways serves the counties of Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln and its Board is appointed by the respective Boards of Commissioners from these counties; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads, MHP and Pathways have been approved by the State of North Carolina to begin operating under North Carolina's 1915(b)/(c) Medicaid Waiver Program beginning no later than January 2013 which will necessitate a merger of the three (3) local management entities ("LME's"); and

WHEREAS, all parties' goals can best be realized by expanding their "Catchment Areas" (meaning the counties served), consolidating operations and working toward a merger to be effective on July 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, in order to further the implementation of certain business operations and plan for governance structure and human resource needs, the three (3) LME's and all counties in the Catchment Areas hereby indicate their intent to merge and their agreement on certain decisions in order to facilitate the subsequent merger.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and considerations set forth in this Agreement, the parties agree on the following:

1. **PURPOSE.** It is the intent to merge Crossroads, MHP and Pathways effective July 1, 2012 in order to continue to manage the provision of high quality, cost effective mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services to priority consumers who are citizens of Iredell, Surry, Yadkin, Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln Counties.

2. **SURVIVING ENTITY.** Pathways shall be the legal, surviving entity. The name and by-laws of Pathways shall be changed and amended respectively at the time of merger.

3. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

(a) The surviving entity shall be governed by a Board of Directors.

(b) The Board of Directors shall consist of up to twenty-six (26) members with the ability to increase as needed in order to assure that each county in the Catchment Area has at least two (2) members. The number of members from each county shall be determined by the percentage of each county's population compared to the total population of the Catchment Area. (Ex. county population ÷ total population will serve to determine number of board members out of 25 members). The number of members per county will be adjusted every three (3) years based on any population changes. The population numbers used will be those numbers as published by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

(c) The chair of the merged entity's Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (CFAC) shall be a member of the Board of Directors by virtue of their position.

(d) The members (other than the CFAC chair) shall be chosen by the appointing commissioner(s) from each respective county. A representative listing of the makeup of the initial Board of Directors is attached as Exhibit A.

(e) The existing Boards of Directors for Crossroads, MHP and Pathways shall resign, or in the absence of such resignation, deemed to have resigned, such resignations to be effective immediately upon the effective date of the merger.

4. **MERGER COMMITTEE.** A merger committee shall be established consisting of three (3) members from each of the three (3) LME's as appointed by the respective Boards of Directors. The merger committee shall serve as a planning and transition committee and as a liaison to the current LME Boards. The merger committee shall meet as it determines necessary and be given support from the management of all three (3) LME's. The merger committee shall dissolve upon the effective date of the merger.

5. **INTERIM FUNDING COSTS.** A merger/implementation fund of approximately \$6 million dollars will be established and funded by the three LME's with the breakdown of committed funds from each LME as determined by previous

calculations conducted by the North Carolina Division of Mental Health (“NCDMH”). The amounts determined by NCDMH to be used for the merger/implementation fund are \$5 million from Pathways, \$500,000 from MHP and \$500,000 from Crossroads. The amounts from MHP and Crossroads will be forwarded to Pathways within thirty (30) days of the execution of this document for administration of the merger/implementation fund upon execution of this agreement. The merger/ implementation fund will be utilized in order to cover costs incurred in establishing the merged entity and developing the functions of a 1915(b)(c) waiver entity.

6. **PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND LOCAL PRESENCE.** The principal office of the merged entity shall be located at 901 S. New Hope Road, Gastonia, NC 28054. The current local offices will be maintained for the time being utilizing a hub and spoke operations method. Management will determine which functions will best be handled at centralized hubs with others located at local sites.

7. **MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART.**

(a) An organization chart of human resource positions for the merged entity is attached as Exhibit B. It is understood and acknowledged that positions, placement and supervisory chains of command may be revised as merger is achieved and after merger is accomplished.

(b) New employees and current employees of the three (3) LME's may be hired for positions during merger implementation. If the hire is a new employee for the Managed Care Organization (“MCO”), the cost will be borne by the merger/ implementation fund. If a current LME employee is hired for a MCO position, the cost will continue to be borne by the current LME by which they are employed. The handling of the employee's current and new MCO duties will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

(c) It is contemplated that the three (3) current area directors shall be placed in the following positions and should begin work in these positions in addition to carrying out their current duties in order to effect a successful merger:

- MCO Director/Area Director of merged entity – Rhett Melton
- Community Relations Director – John Hardy
- Clinical Operations Director – David Swann

The final appointment of the MCO Director/Area Director shall be the function and right of the newly created Board of Directors for the merged entity. As required by statute, all other positions shall be filled by the MCO Director/Area Director according to the established implementation plan which outlines the MCO hiring process over time.

8. **ASSETS.**

(a) **Assets and Fund Balances.** All assets and fund balances, designated or undesignated, currently owned and used by Crossroads, MHP and Pathways will be transferred to the surviving entity at the effective date of merger.

(b) Real Estate Leases. It is contemplated that any leases between the three (3) LME's and the counties in the Catchment Area will be assigned to the surviving entity on the currently existing terms.

(c) Personal Property. All personal property presently belonging to or used by the three (3) LME's specifically including but not limited to, equipment, vehicles, fixtures and inventory shall be transferred to the surviving entity pursuant to a Contract of Conveyance/Assignment/Bill of Sale. The Contract of Conveyance/Assignment/Bill of Sale shall be executed by the appropriate officials of the LME's or the counties as appropriate.

(d) Equipment Leases. Any equipment leases to which the three (3) LME's are presently a party shall be assigned, as deemed necessary, to the surviving entity.

9. **LIABILITIES**. Any liability of the three (3) LME's arising prior to the merger, existing at the time of this merger, or coming into existence after the merger shall become the responsibility of the surviving entity; provided, however, this transfer of liabilities shall not impact any possible insurance coverage or any dispute or defense as to the validity of the liability with any third party.

10. **COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS**. The County Commissioners of each of the counties in the Catchment Area agree to use their best efforts to continue or have continued the current level of funding and to fund increases where the Commissioners deem appropriate in order to effectively provide mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse services through the surviving entity.

11. **COVENANT OF PATHWAYS**. Pathways, as the surviving entity, will use its best efforts to provide delivery of high quality mental health services to residents of the Catchment Area within existing finances after the effective date of merger.

12. **STATE APPROVAL**. The Catchment Area for the surviving entity shall be comprised of the Counties of Iredell, Surry, Yadkin, Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln. All parties understand and acknowledge that state approval for the merger is necessary and required.

13. **WAIVER**. The failure of a party to insist upon strict adherence to any term of this Agreement on any occasion shall not be considered a future waiver of the term or deprive that party of its right thereafter to insist upon strict adherence to that term or any other term of this Agreement or any subsequent agreement. Any waiver must be in writing, and no waiver of any breach of any provision shall constitute a waiver of any other breach of such provision or of any other provision thereof.

14. **INTERIM AGREEMENT**. This Intent to Merge Agreement constitutes an acknowledgement of intention and is not intended to be the final agreement between the parties.

15. **SECTION HEADINGS**. Section headings contained in this Agreement are included for convenience only and do not define, limit or describe the scope or intent of this Agreement or in any way affect this Agreement.

16. **APPLICABLE LAW.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of North Carolina.

17. **EXECUTION.** The parties agree to execute all documents, instruments or further assurances as may be necessary or required to effectuate and complete all transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

18. **MULTIPLE ORIGINALS.** This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and it shall not be necessary to make any proof of this Agreement to produce or account for more than one such counterpart.

This the _____ day of _____, 2011.

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UPON MOTION by Commissioner Klein, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Intent to Merge Agreement Between Crossroads Behavioral Healthcare and Mental Health Partners and the Gaston-Lincoln-Cleveland Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities/Substance Abuse Authority (dba Pathways)

Motion to Approve 2012-2014 Work First County Plan – Susan McCracken: Susan McCracken presented the 2012-2014 Work First County Plan and asked for the Board's approval.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2012-2014 Work First County Plan as presented.

Public Hearing for Ambulance Purchase Under Piggyback Bid and motion to approve purchase order to Northwestern Emergency Vehicles for the purchase of 3 new American Emergency Vehicle Ambulances at \$121,336.00 for a total purchase price of \$364,008.00: Martha Lide presented the following information:

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has approved money (\$377,000, line 44-4370-5540-0000) in the capital improvement account for the purchase of three Type III GMC Cutaway Chassis for FY 2011-2012.

This purchase shall be a piggyback on the formal bid contract of County of Leavenworth, Kansas.

The request is for a purchase order be issued to Northwestern Emergency Vehicles for the purchase of three new American Emergency Vehicle ambulances at \$121,336.00 each. The total purchase is **\$364,008.00**.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Arena, the Board voted unanimously to approve the piggyback purchase of three new American Emergency Vehicle ambulances at \$121,336.00 each from Northwestern Emergency Vehicles.

Approval of Bids for Library Furnishings: Jennifer Sackett presented the following information:

The Library received a \$75,000 grant from the Timken Company and are using some money from the County's CIP Fund for this project. The architect is recommending awarding the bid to Interior Systems at \$43,288. They were the only company who bid on all six items, which is why their bid appears to be higher. Frasier Manufacturing appears to have a lower bid than Interior on children's shelving area, but they bid on a wood shelf, and the specifications call for metal shelving.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Klein, the Board voted unanimously to award the bid to Interior Systems at \$43,288.

Agreement for Co-location Space in Lincoln County Building: Dante' Patterson presented the following request:

MCNC (originally funded by North Carolina General Assembly in 1980 as the Microelectronics Center of North Carolina) is an independent, non-profit organization that utilizes Internet

technologies to improve learning and collaboration throughout North Carolina's K-20 education community. In 2009, MCNC teamed up with North Carolina education, government and business communities to connect all 115 K-12 public school districts to a network known as NCREN (North Carolina Research and Education Network) which is one of the nation's first reliable and cost-efficient statewide regional optical networks.

MCNC currently is working on a \$144 million expansion of NCREN scheduled to be completed by 2013. This initiative has been labeled the Golden LEAF Rural Broadband Initiative. To fund this expansion, in 2010 MCNC applied for and received two U.S. Department of Commerce Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) awards totaling \$104 million. In Addition, \$40 million was raised in private matching funds. No direct funding from the State of North Carolina was required.

The BTOP awards are intended to help MCNC build upon North Carolina's broadband infrastructure using the existing NCREN to create better access for schools, libraries and public health facilities, while also improving broadband access for businesses and residents in underserved areas. Once all work is complete, the two rounds of BTOP infrastructure have the potential to serve directly, or through MCNC partnerships with private sector service providers, more than 1,500 community anchor institutions, 180,000 businesses, and reach more than 300,000 underserved families.

A critical part of this expansion is partnership of MCNC with Community Anchor Institutions or CAI's. CAIs are public institutions that provide a service to the public or are facilities where the public gather to be educated, gain information, or receive care. NCREN currently serves the broadband needs of many education and healthcare CAIs in the state including the Lincoln County Health Department, for which the NC TeleHealth network provides Internet access at a 85% discount rate.

The purpose of this agreement is to establish a partnership between MCNC and Lincoln County Government in which the County IT will serve as a Community Anchor Institution through the co-location of MCNC point-of presence equipment within the Lincoln County IT operations. This agreement will consist of Lincoln County providing physical space, power, HVAC, security, and access to MCNC equipment. In exchange for the CAI,

Lincoln County IT will achieve greatly improved access to the Internet and tremendous cost savings for Lincoln County Government. Over the 10 year period of this agreement, it is estimated that Lincoln County will reduce and/or avoid expansion of the cost of Internet access by around \$466,058 from the County's already discounted rate. In addition, the County will achieve the overall benefit of high speed Internet access worth over \$112,110 per year or over \$9,342 per month from the market rate. This equates to a market value of over \$1.1 million dollars over the 10 year term of this agreement while reducing projected expenditure by almost a half-million dollars.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement for co-location space as presented by Dante' Patterson.

Notification of Rock Springs Park Grant Award – PARTF Grant of \$415,000: Erma Deen Hoyle notified the Board the County received the PARTF Grant for the Rock Springs Park in the amount of \$415,000. County match is \$528,350 and we will have

three years to complete the project. There are two other private grants they are applying for.

Other Business: **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Jessie Townsend to the Jury Commission.

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

Amy S. Atkins, Clerk
Board of Commissioners

Alex E. Patton, Chairman
Board of Commissioners