

**MINUTES**  
**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2002**

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on March 18, 2002 at the Citizens Center, Commissioners Room, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting at 6:30 PM.

Commissioners Present:

Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman  
Beth H. Saine, Vice-Chairman  
Thomas R. Anderson, PE  
Larry S. Craig  
David P. Choate

Others Present:

Stan B. Kiser, County Manager  
Jeffrey A. Taylor, County Attorney  
Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board

**Call to Order:** Chairman Cochrane called the meeting to order.

**Adoption of Agenda:** **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

**AGENDA**

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 18, 2002**

7:15 PM	Call to Order
1. 7:16 PM	Adoption of Agenda
2. 7:17 PM	Approval of Minutes - March 4, 2002
3. 7:20 PM	Consent Agenda - Tax Requests for Releases Less than \$100 – January 16 – February 15, 2002 More than \$100 – January 16 – February 15, 2002 - Tax Requests for Refunds Less than \$100 – January 15 – February 15, 2002 More than \$100 – January 15 – February 15, 2002 - Requests for Water Adjustments - February 11 – March 11, 2002

- Budget Adjustments 64, 65, 66, 70, 71
- Waived fees
  - Rotary Auction
- Sponsored Group Status
  - Lincoln County Republican Party
  - Taking America Back Promotions

4. 7:25 PM Public Comments

5. 7:40 PM Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month Proclamation – Doris Little

6. 7:45 PM ROAP Public Hearing – Erma Deen Hoyle

7. 7:55 PM Recommendations from Planning Board from March 4, 2002
 

- Zoning Map Amendment No. 408 – Joseph Edwin Tate Sr., applicant.
- Zoning Text Amendment No. 409
- Watershed Text Amendment No. 4

8. 8:05 PM Road Naming Public Hearing – April Nunn

9. 8:15 PM Hospital Report

10. 8:30 PM Finance Officer's Report – Leon Harmon

11. 8:40 PM Relay for Life Proclamation – Patsy Black

12. 8:50 PM Community Development Block Grant Funding Opportunity – Audrey Setzer

13. 9:00 PM Irrigation Tap Policy – Steve Gilbert

14. 9:10 PM Update on Capital Project Reports – Steve Gilbert

15. 9:20 PM Proposed Water Adjustment Policy – Steve Gilbert

16. 9:30 PM Julius Blum Agreement – Steve Gilbert

17. 9:40 PM Farmer's Market Agreement – Jeff Taylor

18. 9:50 PM Third ½% Sales Tax (Article 44) – Leon Harmon

19. 10:00 PM Vacancies

20. 10:05 PM Appointments

21. 10:10 PM      Calendar

22. 10:15 PM      County Commissioners' Report

23. 10:25 PM      County Manager's Report

24. 10:35 PM      County Attorney's Report

25. 10:45 PM      Other Business

Adjourn

**Approval of Minutes – March 4, 2002:** Chairman Cochrane presented the minutes of the March 4, 2002 meeting for the Board's approval.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

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

Requests for Releases – More than \$100 and Less than \$100

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Barger, William Victor III	2001	0155426	\$277.42
Black, Angela Sipe	2001	0132727	\$162.02
Bolinger, Johnny William	2000	0072462	\$108.37
Brewington, Cynthia C.	2001	0108277	\$130.86
Cavanaugh, Brenda Kay	2001	0127872	\$156.41
Clark, Charles Murphy	2001	0155489	\$330.76
Cloninger, Bonnie Whitaker	2001	0156258	\$324.26
Congregation of our Lady Help	2001	0081840	\$107.41
Davis, Patti Lee	2001	0101195	\$199.90
Herr, William A.	2001	17905	\$121.83
Hicks, Rebecca R.	2001	0154843	\$133.04
Lipscomb Signs Inc.	2001	0147165	\$287.45
Mitchem, Crystal Dean	2001	0137488	\$156.35
Reep, Phillip Daniel	2001	0155568	\$110.33
Sproles, A. C	2001	0140917	\$132.98
Teams, Glenda Lynnette	2001	0156334	\$163.90
Walker, John Charles	2000/01	0104781	\$182.03
Wolgemuth, Lance Wade	2001	0155420	\$122.01

**TOTAL**      **\$3,207.33**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>A/C NO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Allen, Craig James	2001	0101742	\$10.56
Allen, Randy F.	2001	02134	\$12.65
Arrieta, Juan Maria	2001	0130504	\$16.53
Austin, Haley Marie	2001	0131976	\$43.85
Avery, Jeffrey Chad	2001	0132260	\$3.54
Azofeifa, Pablo Murillo	2001	0156402	\$58.77
Ballard, Douglas Edward	2001	05645	\$6.93
Beaver, J. C.	2001	06164	\$15.42
Beaver, Rickey Columbus	2001	0156282	\$38.71
Bracey, Frankie Ann	2000	0119904	\$6.62
Bridges, Sandra Kiser	2001	0116572	\$29.75
Brooks, Billy Reginald	2001	0116354	\$18.87
Caldwell, Sherry Seagle	2001	0080529	\$12.00
Caldwell, Thomas Andrew	2001	0153783	\$47.83
Carpenter Land Surveying Inc.	2001	0125888	\$53.97
Chapman, John Edward	2001	0081939	\$43.27
Cherry, Rita Long	2001	0112912	\$35.07
Connell, Catherine W.	2001	0154452	\$14.52
Cook, Tony M.	2001	21615	\$14.10
Cordero, Alexander Valverde	2001	0146212	\$59.14
Costner, Bruce Aaron	2001	0111648	\$7.98
Davidson, Darren Todd	2001	0077382	\$49.24
Day, Michael Allen	2001	0131100	\$13.15
Deberry, Bill James	2001	0073776	\$26.76
Downs, Ronald	2001	05833	\$49.84
Eastridge, Wendy Teague	2001	0101069	\$10.87
Ellis, Carol Lurine	2001	0154951	\$88.73
Engle, Guy Franklin	2000	0075269	\$58.00
Fa Be Enterprises Inc.	2001	0071527	\$12.96
Fisher, Barbara Carpenter	2000	0067242	\$10.98
Foster, Debra Lynn	2001	0129264	\$41.81
Freeman, Theresa Ann	2001	0096407	\$13.00
Fritts, Christopher L.	2001	0105012	\$61.71
Gaither, Maria Isabel	2001	0123010	\$7.63
Gazdeck, Robert L.	2001	06937	\$13.06
Gentry, Dave Edward	2000	0115962	\$7.01
Gilley, J. Todd	2001	0153037	\$16.62
Green, Joyce Reel	2001	0083103	\$22.17
Hall, Enoch Eli	2001	0076525	\$49.45
Harris, Florence Lavonne	1997	0095289	\$21.56

Herndon, Roger B.	2001	43512	\$13.22
Hight, Brenda Hallman	2000	0091535	\$7.43
Hoffman, Karen Elaine	2001	0108428	\$2.75
Houser, Barbara Sain Mrs.	2001	07171	\$10.26
Jenks, Angela Marie	2001	0148512	\$38.05
Johnson, Augusta Carol	2001	0086825	\$4.80
Jones, Coy O. Jr.	2001	35612	\$17.17
Jones, Rosalinda	2001	0091187	\$25.54
Keener, David	2001	40137	\$36.43
Keller, Allen Lee	2001	0122152	\$8.49
Kelly, John Wesley-Matthew	2001	0132550	\$3.96
Lail, Judy Helms	2001	0102434	\$11.25
Lane, Brandy Nichole	2001	0156320	\$41.37
Lawing, Donald Tod	2001	0113180	\$6.70
Lecroy, Russell Kirk Jr.	2001	0106739	\$20.38
Lester, Wanda Lee	2001	0154226	\$27.02
Link, Thermon Oval	2000	0073247	\$43.72
Locke, Lisa Rehm	2001	0076331	\$36.18
Lorch, Catheryn Solomey	2001	0156340	\$6.96
Mauney, Phillip R.	2001	48632	\$2.36
Mays, Roxanne Elmore	2001	0089120	\$9.39
Montieth, Tony T.	2001	0117470	\$55.41
Mullis, Donald Legrand	2001	0074764	\$10.71
Neff, Laura Ruth	2001	0139141	\$6.32
Newton, William Frank	2001	0120508	\$24.93
Nodine, Davy Lee	2001	0121043	\$37.98
Oliver, Leonard McCoy	2001	29071	\$10.09
Ortega, Ulices Campos	2001	0156248	\$40.33
Parizek, Douglas Alan	2001	45044	\$1.67
Pearson, Gregory A.	2001	0130080	\$56.85
Peeler, Bradley Wilson	2001	0155507	\$91.81
Poovey, Betty Joanne	2001	39314	\$16.55
Prototype Enterprises Inc.	2001	0133319	\$10.50
Prowker, Rodrick Brian	1997	0123474	\$15.57
Punch, David Joel	2001	0148487	\$48.99
Putnam Heating & Air Cond.	2001	0111598	\$15.24
Putnam, Collin Trent	2001	0137916	\$15.37
Rednour, Freida McSwain	2001	0156175	\$97.28
Rogers, Alan Patrick	2001	0074232	\$1.95
Rogers, Franklin	2001	21315	\$10.71
Rookstool, Jeri Lynette	2001	0126494	\$18.29
Sain, Todd Andrew	2001	0104500	\$33.16

Schrontce, A. Z.	2001	14304	\$12.01
Schrontce, Rocky Dale	2001	14426	\$31.19
Sechrist, Kirby Dale	2001	0097026	\$25.64
Shelton, Cecelia Yvonne	2001	0103217	\$92.39
Small, Joe D.	2001	43917	\$18.34
Smith, Randy Curtis	2001	0125056	\$51.56
Smith, Ronald Dean	2001	0068173	\$9.66
Spears, Douglas Franklin	2001	16748	\$15.02
Stone, Jay Michael	2001	0143837	\$84.36
Suddreth, Wendy Eileen	2001	0063586	\$34.67
Taylor, William Chrisley	2000	0151437	\$33.51
Tucker, Justin L.	2001	48820	\$6.80
Vandiver, Jeffrey Lane	2001	0131590	\$6.37
Webb, William McNeely	2001	0071837	\$33.50
Wellman, Johnny R.	2001	09690	\$9.09
Wise, Bobby Ray Jr.	1998	0135633	\$13.21
Wise, Robert V.	2001	0150426	\$96.78
Wood, Geraldine McCarn	2000	0125073	\$12.70
Workman, Johnie	2001	0095563	\$24.88
Wright, Wayne Lafayette	2001	0082983	\$7.37
Wroten, Charles David	2001	0109460	\$39.54
Yates, Michael Earl	2001	0070467	\$22.52
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,798.88</b>

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>A/C NO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Adams, James J.	2001	0154522	\$103.32
Beard, Jerry	1994-01	0088421	\$193.51
Blake, Anthony Roland	1997	0098184	\$126.30
Boyles, Kimberly	2002	0156520	\$114.43
Butler, Michael Bryan	2001	0147619	\$136.32
Calvillo, Cleofas Pascual	1998-01	0091123	\$119.17
Carolina Hardware Garden	2001	0114175	\$631.88
Childers, R. S. Heirs of	2001	01583	\$5,178.73
Creech, Lonnie Anthony	2002	0156540	\$174.57
Franklin, Jerry Dean	2001	0070143	\$407.71
Fredell, Marjorie Cianflone	2002	00860	\$300.91
Gilleland, Laura S.	2001	0123184	\$1,101.19
Green Valley Farms	2001	0111072	\$4,914.56
Greer, Annie	1999	0140615	\$144.19
Hager, Jeffr4ey A.	2001	13949	\$1,912.31
Helms, Angela G. (Brown)	2001	0114155	\$147.40
Helms, Bobby Dale	2000	0076614	\$248.22

Herndon, Roger B.	2001	0151759	\$552.75
Hildreth, Tracy	2001	0154577	\$153.34
Holland, Thomas Russ Jr.	2001	0124653	\$474.26
Mullins, Norma Jean (Hall)	2000/01	0062429	\$270.60
Phillips, Daniel A.	1992-01	10758	\$266.05
Pitsikoulis, Stacy	2000/01	0110356	\$276.00
Pizza Hotline	2001	0133318	\$180.40
Propst, Marcus Wilson	2001	11377	\$134.00
Reel, Mrs. Dan (Fannie) Heirs	2001	14330	\$1,201.45
Reinhardt, Charles Henry	1999	0131073	\$105.34
Rhyne Farms LLC	2001	0133824	\$1,071.16
Richard, Glenn Dayton Jr.	2001	0104184	\$352.50
Sanders, Bessie H.	2001	19034	\$145.20
Shoup, Richard Allen	2000	0103982	\$245.00
Taylor, Brenda Fourshee	2001	0063154	\$147.40
Thompson, Mrs. Pearl	2001	01438	\$2,229.28
Tillman Distributors Inc.	2001	26143	\$147.40
Turbyfill, Helen Lawing	2001	39821	\$3,200.33
Wasser, Fred D.	2002	0138147	\$134.65
Watson, Bob	1994-97	43134	\$328.45
Weathers, Donald A.	2001	09484	\$105.69
Williamson, Connie	2002	0156657	\$174.57
Wilson, Patricia Ann	2001	03943	\$480.30
Young, Mary D.	2000/01	0119016	\$220.00
NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Baker, Crystal Brewster	2001	0112679	\$45.70
Ball, James	2001	0156509	\$14.01
Barkley, Ray Michael (Heirs of)	2001	05795	\$17.33
Baxter, Steven	2001	0100844	\$54.77
Beard, Chris	2001	0107299	\$30.31
Bisson, Scott P.	2001	0143981	\$26.74
Black, Jimmy Dean	2001	0119747	\$72.74
Blanton, Tyrone Arnold	1997-01	0070808	\$6.61
Bridges Bill M/H Park	2000/01	24437	\$60.68
Brown, Brenda G.	2001	01535	\$85.85
Brown, William Zachariah	2001	0087836	\$19.75
C D Medical Billing	2001	0148062	\$73.70
Carolina Green Thumb	2001	0140098	\$36.72
Cline, Larry Thomas Jr.	2001	0070433	\$67.14
Correll, Bob	2000/01	21655	\$67.46
Durham, Roy	2001	13035	\$1.25

Eaker, Guy Jr.	2001	0139876	\$39.69
Goodson, Burton Lee Jr.	2001	45482	\$31.12
Graham, Larry A.	2001	19861	\$4.65
Grigg, Jimmy L.	2001	0133357	\$5.25
Holt, William	2001	45606	\$54.24
Jackson, Ronald Lee	2001	0112980	\$67.59
Lail, Roy A.	2001	0100747	\$3.61
Laird, Robert	2001	0154585	\$95.61
Lamacchia, Anthony Nicholas	2000/01	0103940	\$6.77
Lawing, Woodrow Wilson III	2001	48612	\$46.70
Locklear, David	2001	0100756	\$68.24
Mathis, Randy	2001	07776	\$37.12
Matthews, Sherrill Ronnie	2001	00431	\$44.81
McCorkle, Ella	2000	38204	\$1.85
McLean, Kim	2000/01	0140002	\$87.37
Montero, Randy G.	2000/01	0064285	\$59.53
Muckler, Michael P. DDS	2000	0140516	\$39.38
Neal, Stephen Wayne	2001	0062594	\$74.78
Philyaw, Collas I.	2001	0106489	\$90.21
Ramsey, David E.	2000	0130118	\$20.88
Reep, Betty B.	1999	0126058	\$69.00
Reynolds, Shirley	2001	0076732	\$41.02
Ricardo, Kenneth John	2000/01	0064700	\$45.02
Rowe, William A.	2001	0130826	\$15.66
Saunders, David Gould	2001	0130776	\$92.91
Snyder, Bradley A.	2001	0142030	\$72.74
Vogt, Joan Palticia	2001	0119100	\$46.10
Weathers, Sarah	2000/01	42550	\$47.40
Weight, Marie C.	2001	0108870	\$25.89
Wilkinson, Steven	2001	15261	\$54.98
Williams, Daniel Joe	2000	0115364	\$13.87
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,084.75</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,550.84</b>

LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT  
ANNUALS

**REQUEST FOR REFUNDS**

PERIOD COVERED (January 15, 2001 to February 15, 2001)

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

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
B & B Construction	2001	CFD	0122503	\$10.15

**TOTAL** **\$10.15**

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		
Daniel L. Stroup Car Wash	2001	CITY	26080	\$138.00
Denver Equipment Inc.	2001	ELFD	0148090	\$184.25
Easter, Haywood	2000-2001	AFD	05988	\$270.60
Macomson, Michael Talbott	2000-2001	N321FD	31014	\$261.31

LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT  
MOTOR VEHICLES

**REQUEST FOR REFUNDS**

PERIOD COVER (January 15, 2001 to February 15, 2001)

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

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Abernathy, Charles Ray	2001	PCFD	0086127	\$43.28
Anderson, Brian Kirk	2001	DFD	0132259	\$60.71
Anderson, William B.	2001	DFD	17561	\$53.16
Brady, Patricia T.	2001	ELFD	0107201	\$34.88
Camus, Jack	2001	ELFD-ELSD	0121285	\$22.13
Carpenter, Barbara Johnson	2001	UFD	0069304	\$25.28
Craft, Tony James	2001	NBFD	0146854	\$1.85
Ganboa, Anabelle	2001	CITY	0109927	\$81.31
Grass, Timothy Bruce	2001	AFD	0131878	\$3.44
Gregory, Tonya Charlene	2000	HCFD	0150582	\$30.53
Harkey, Calvin C.	2001	CITY	05486	\$44.12
Hicks, Debra Biggerstaff	2001	PCFD	0104594	\$5.06
Lonnie Richard Earl Houck	2001	NBFD	01181	\$16.74
M I Marshall and Ilsley Bank	2001	DFD	0152604	\$56.82
Maroto, Fabio	2001	CITY	0132194	\$19.04
McClain, Rachel Darnell	2001	CITY	0120552	\$4.88
Montgomery, Travis John	2001	BCFD	0118311	\$5.16
Powell, Roger D.	2001	BCFD	13996	\$60.75
Sherrill, Vincent Cooper	2001	HCFD	0136460	\$5.68
Stanley, Patricia Hicks Sigmon	2001	SFFD	0078644	\$48.32
Tucker, Melea Y.	2001	CITY	41090	\$23.66

**TOTAL** **\$646.80**

**Water Accounts requesting adjustment – February 11, 2002 – March 11, 2002**

Name	Account #	Adjustment	New Total	Reason	Recommended
Judith Hartzog	4057051-00	\$103.45	\$95.25	Leak	Yes
Mary Jones	5084092-00	\$26.25	\$54.65	Leak	Yes
Daniel Horne	6103661-02	\$54.31	\$73.03	Leak	Yes
Terry Berge	6113581-01	\$31.64	\$33.69	Leak	Yes
Duanne Cusson	6125153-04	\$28.24	\$31.39	Leak	Yes

Hazel Coffey	9187081-00	\$43.06	\$37.36	Leak	Yes
Kay Davis	10228342-00	\$54.53	\$41.99	Leak	Yes
Bertha Marie Grant	9184101-00	\$43.24	\$64.11	Leak	Yes
Clyde Driggers	6123052-00	\$147.80	\$102.10	Leak	Yes
Lisa Hedgepeth	11204901-00	\$22.53	\$39.79	Leak	Yes
Guy McIntosh	6144621-00	\$37.33	\$60.84	Leak	Yes
Deborah Padley	6160291-01	\$39.24	\$66.44	Leak	Yes

**Budget Adjustment No. 64 by Sheriff's Department to increase revenue for first Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG). Funds to be used to buy security equipment at West Lincoln High School. Receipt of grant requires 10% match, which will be paid out of Special Contract Services.**

**Budget Adjustment No. 65 by Sheriff's Department to increase revenue for second Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG). Funds to be used to buy security equipment at Lincolnton High School. Receipt of grant requires 10% match, which will be paid out of Special Contract Services.**

**Budget Adjustment No.66 to appropriate an additional \$10,000 for UDC repairs approved February 18, 2002.**

**Budget Adjustment No. 70 for Social Services to budget additional funds transferred to In-Home aide program from Office on Aging.**

**Budget Adjustment No. 71 for Social Services for setting up new expenditure and revenue line items for new funding received from FEMA for Emergency Food and Shelter program. No county funds involved.**

**Waived fees**

- Rotary Auction

**Sponsored Group Status**

- Lincoln County Republican Party
- Taking America Back Promotions

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Chairman Cochrane advised that this was the time the Board of Commissioners would receive comments from the citizens regarding any matter they desired to address.

**Carol Clise** thanked the Board for bringing the Governor's Island situation to a conclusion. She stated that she has been before the Board before concerning spills from Governor's Island sewer.

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

**Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month Proclamation:** Doris Little presented the following Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month Proclamation.

## **CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION**

**Whereas**, child abuse and neglect is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community;

**Whereas**, approximately 3 million children are reported as abused or neglected in this country each year;

**Whereas**, approximately 102,000 children are reported as abused or neglected in North Carolina each year;

**Whereas**, 30 children were victims of child abuse homicide in North Carolina last year;

**Whereas**, 787 children were reported as victims of child abuse or neglect in Lincoln County last year;

**Whereas**, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community;

**Whereas**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

**Whereas**, all citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their child in a safe, nurturing environment;

**Now, Therefore, I** Jerry W. Cochrane do hereby proclaim April as CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH in Lincoln County, N.C., and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, Medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

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Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Saine, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Proclamation.

**ROAP Public Hearing:** Erma Deen Hoyle presented the following information concerning the ROAP Public Hearing.

Lincoln County is eligible for funding from the NC Department of Transportation's Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP). The proposed breakdown of this funding by providing agency and/or program is as follows:

EDTAP (Elderly & Disable Transportation Assistance Program):

Senior Services (1)	\$31,675
Salem Industries (2)	8,000
A Place to Grow (2)	8,000
Services for the Blind(3)	1,500
Lincoln Co. Group Home(4)	<u>1,000</u>
	<b>50,175</b>

WORK FIRST:

Department of Social Services(5)	<b>8,714</b>
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RURAL GENERAL PUBLIC:

Senior Services(6)	<b>29,320</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$88,209</b>

Chairman Cochrane opened the Public Hearing concerning the ROAP funding.

**Carol Clise** stated that the Board has been very generous in the building of the community center on Optimist Club Road. She stated that it would be wonderful to have the funding to transport senior citizens to the building.

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

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Erma Deen Hoyle to proceed with trying to acquire grants and approve certification.

**Recommendations from the Planning Board from March 4, 2002:**

**Zoning Map Amendment No. 408 –Joseph Edwin Tate, Sr., applicant:** Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, stated that the Planning Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Saine, the Board voted unanimously to approve Zoning Map Amendment No. 408 – Joseph Edwin Tate, Sr., applicant.

**Zoning Text Amendment No. 409 –Lincoln County, applicant:** Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, stated that the Planning Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve Zoning Text Amendment No. 409 – Lincoln County, applicant, based on the recommendation of the Planning Board.

**Watershed Text Amendment No. 4 – Lincoln County, applicant:** Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, stated that the Planning Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Choate, the Board voted unanimously to approve Watershed Text Amendment No. 4, Lincoln County, applicant.

**Road Naming Public Hearing:** April Nunn, Systems Analyst Programmer presented the Board with the following road name changes. Due to emergency response problems and confusion in the postal system, and in accordance with the Lincoln County Addressing and Road Naming Ordinance, the multiple roads named Lincoln View #1, #2, and #3 must be renamed. Lincoln View Road will not be changed. The following were suggested:

Bexley Lane      Suggested for Lincoln View #1. 20 residences will receive an address change.  
Dorset Lane      Suggested for Lincoln View #2. 25 residences will receive an address change.  
Grimsby Lane      Suggested for Lincoln View #3. 32 residences will receive an address change.

Chairman Cochrane opened the Public Hearing on the road name changes.

**Sandy Richardson** stated that she can't hardly pronounce the road name and would like for it to stay Lincoln View Road. She stated that if this is not possible she would like a chance to name the road what she wants.

**Bobby Brooks** stated that he lives on Lincoln View #3. He stated that it is aggravating having to change bills, licenses, and everything because of a road name change. He stated that if everyone had their numbers posted, emergency people could find them.

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

Chairman Cochrane asked staff to allow the property owners to look at other options for the road names.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to approve Bexley and Dorset Lane and defer #3 for more public input for 10 days to 2 weeks.

**Recess:**      Chairman Cochrane called for a brief recess.  
                            Chairman Cochrane called the meeting back to order.

**Relay for Life Proclamation – Patsy Black:** Patsy Black presented the following Proclamation for the Board's approval.

**A Proclamation**  
**Lincoln County Board of Commissioners**

**WHEREAS**, Relay for Life, the twenty-four hour signature activity of the American Cancer Society, is the unique community event that celebrates cancer survivors and

focuses attention on the fight against cancer through fundraising that supports research, prevention, detection, treatment, patient services, advocacy, and volunteerism; and

**WHEREAS**, Cancer is the leading cause of death in the United States, but due to efforts of the American Cancer Society, there are more than 100,000 Carolinians and over 8,000,000 Americans alive, today, who have survived cancer.

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society has funded over \$2.2 billion, and in grants for promising cancer research-much of what is happening right here in the Carolinas at Duke University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, East Carolina University, and Wake Forest University.

**WHEREAS**, The American Cancer Society has funded the work of 32 Nobel Prize winning researchers investing in studies that led to discoveries like the Pap Smear, bone marrow transplant, Tamoxifen and Gleevec, the PSA blood test for prostate cancer, and treatments that dramatically increased the cure rate for childhood leukemia.

**WHEREAS**, The American Cancer Society Relay For Life celebrates cancer survivorship, which helps survivors bond in a common cause. Relay also enables the entire community to see that together, “We are winning the battle against cancer”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim the month of April as

## **Relay For Life Month**

and urge all of our citizens to participate in this effort to eradicate Cancer as a major health problem by preventing Cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from Cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

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**Chair**

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Proclamation.

John Dancoff stated that Lincoln County has been one of the Nation's top ten counties based on per capita giving for the past three years. In 2001 Lincoln County's Relays raised over \$300,000 and per capita giving was \$5.03.

Beginning in March, the Celebration Bus will tour the country, traveling to over 40 states, gathering supporters and collecting signatures from city to city. The bus will carry messages, luminaries, and signatures from cancer survivors and their families, from across the country to Washington, D.C.

Lincoln County will be a stopping point for the Celebration Bus on April 14, 2002, on Sunday evening from 8:15 pm until 9:00 pm at the Lowe's in Lincolnton.

**Hospital Report:** Pete Acker and James Ramsey gave an update on the hospital including a financial report.

Darrell Gettys, Chairman of the Hospital Board, reported on meeting with CHAMPs. He stated that Dr. Dunn and Dr. Nachamie presented them with approximately 8 issues. Of those 8 issues, 2 of them are being looked at by a separate committee. He stated that they are seeking out to get the other side of the stories. The intent is to attempt to come to some resolution on how to move forward.

**Finance Officer's Report:** Leon Harmon presented the Finance Officer's Report. He stated that the property taxes show collections of \$23.4 million for the period July through February, an increase of \$6,165,074 from last month and 90% of the current year budgeted revenue. Sales tax revenues have been received for three quarters of the year. The last payment is scheduled for May 15 for the quarter January, February and March. Utility franchise tax was budgeted at \$100,000 and \$156,226 has been received. This is the once a year receipt from Charter Communications for the cable tax in the amount of 3% charged to cable customers. Building and Land budgeted at \$740,000 has been received at \$698,018 showing building permit revenue well ahead at 94%. The Health and Social Services departments are in line with their budgets. Health has revenues of 72% and expenses of 59%. Social Services revenues are 53% with expenses of 57%. Revenues for the General Fund have increased to 73% of budget and expenses are at 56% of budget. Fund 61 Water Fund, revenues are at 76% of budget with expenses at 38%. Water sales are 74% and tap fees are 107% of budget. The new water capacity development fee, which was instituted earlier this year, has already generated \$221,790. East Lincoln Water and Sewer District revenues are at 81% and expenses are 36% of budget. Landfill Fund revenues are at 81% and expenses are 36% of budget.

**Community Development Block Grant Funding Opportunity – Audrey Setzer:** Audrey Setzer, Special Projects Coordinator, presented information on a Community Development Block Grant for scattered site housing rehabilitation. The funding, in the amount of \$400,000, is non-competitive and is available to all counties on a three year rotating funding cycle. Funding for Lincoln County is in 2003. The County and City would work together on this and the objective would be to improve housing conditions of very low income households.

Ms. Setzer presented proposals from Centralina and Benchmark to insure the compliance of all applicable laws and regulations in administering the grant. Centralina's proposal is not to exceed \$75,000 and Benchmark Incorporated's proposal is not to exceed \$50,000.

Ms. Setzer recommended Benchmark's proposal.

The City Council voted to authorize staff to work with county staff to proceed to secure grant funding at their meeting on March 7. They also voted unanimously to secure Benchmark to administer the grant based on the fact that they were the low bid and would provide us the services needed to carry out the grant.

Steve Gurley provided the Board with information concerning the CDBG grants the City has received.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Choate, the Board voted unanimously to authorize staff to move forward to secure grant funding and authorize staff to proceed to enter into a contract with Benchmark Incorporated.

**Irrigation Tap Policy – Steve Gilbert:** Steve Gilbert stated that the Public Works Department currently charges \$250.00 for a tap for a residential irrigation system. Due to workload and staff shortages, these taps have a delay of approximately 120 days before they are actually installed, which has caused numerous customer complaints. Also, the \$250.00 fee only covers the cost of materials used in making the tap. The Public Works Department therefore recommends that the installation of irrigation taps be done by a private contractor, working for the County, and that the fee charged for the taps be raised to cover the cost of materials and the contractor's labor.

Mr. Gilbert stated that they have received a quote from a private plumbing contractor, Mr. Dennis Bartholomew, who will make the taps for a fee of \$250.00, and he has committed to have any tap done within 30 – 45 days from receipt of our request.

Therefore, with the Board's approval, we propose to change the fee charged for an irrigation tap from \$250.00 to "at cost", which will be \$500.00 at present. If the cost of materials or the plumber's fees change, the amount charged by the County will change accordingly.

Chairman Cochrane stated that he doesn't feel comfortable about having "at cost" and would rather have a straight fee.

Commissioner Craig suggested a set fee of \$550.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to increase the tap fee to \$550 to set the irrigation taps for new customers and authorize the Public Works Department to go with private plumbing contractors, effective immediately.

**Update on Capital Project Reports – Steve Gilbert:** Steve Gilbert, Director of Public Utilities, presented updates on the Capital Projects currently under design or construction in the Public Works Department.

Commissioner Anderson asked Mr. Gilbert about the odor problems at the pump stations.

Mr. Gilbert stated that they are checking into some equipment that would act as a filter on the vent system for the pump station.

**Proposed Water Adjustment Policy:** Steve Gilbert stated that the Public Works Department's current Water Adjustment Policy requires that any adjustment to a water bill must be taken before the Board of Commissioners for approval or denial. These requests are placed on the consent agenda with a recommendation from the Department as to the validity of the request. Requests are typically recommended for approval only when a customer has a leak with documentation showing that the leak has been repaired.

Mr. Gilbert stated that at the request of the Board of Commissioners they have prepared a new Water Adjustment Policy allowing the requests for adjustment to be approved or denied by the Public Works Department. The new policy spells out the procedure for a customer to present justification for the request, and if the request is denied, the customer is given the option of appealing this decision to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Anderson suggested that a press release be issued on this policy change and that it be posted on the County's website.

The Board discussed different manners to get the word out about the change. They left it up to staff to determine which method to use.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Water Adjustment Policy.

**Julius Blum Agreement:** Steve Gilbert stated that Julius Blum Industries, one of the County's larger water & sewer customers, has, at their expense, installed a sewage flow monitoring station at their facility on Old Plank Road. This will allow them to be billed for sewage only for the flow passing through their monitoring station. The reason for this is that they believe that a substantial portion of their water consumption is lost through their manufacturing process and evaporation, so they did not want to pay the sewer billing rate for the water that is lost.

Mr. Gilbert stated that an agreement has been drawn up outlining the procedures for their operation, maintenance, calibration, etc., for the monitoring station, and the agreement is acceptable to Public Works staff. With the Board's approval, the monitoring station will be placed into operation and their billing account will be modified accordingly.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Wastewater Monitoring Agreement with the following correction:

7. On the first business day of each month, a copy of the current reading will be faxed to the Lincoln County Public Works Office. Failure to do so can result **in** the

wastewater usage being based on the current months water usage read from the potable water supply meters.

**Farmer's Market Agreement:** Jeff Taylor, County Attorney, presented the Board with the Farmer's Market Agreement, stating that it was the same as last year's agreement.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Choate, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Farmer's Market Agreement as presented.

**Third ½% Sales Tax:** Leon Harmon, Finance Director, stated that one of the goals of the County Commissioner's Association over the years has been to get rid of the dependence of the reimbursements on the inventory tax. Last year, the General Assembly replaced it with the ½ cent sales tax, effective July 1, 2003. He asked the Board to set a public hearing and advertise it in the newspaper.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Saine, the Board voted unanimously to set the public hearing for the ½ cent sales tax for April 22, 2002 at 6:30 PM.

**Vacancies:** Commissioner Craig presented the following vacancies.

## VACANCIES

Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee 6

Recreation Commission

Lincolnton Township 1

Planning Board 1

Lincoln Natural Resources Committee 2 (Realtor, EDA)

The following are Commissioner Craig's recommendations:

## APPOINTMENTS

Recreation Commission

Earl Peeler

Lincoln Natural Resources Committee

Jerry Lackey (Chamber)

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations for appointments.

**Calendar:** Chairman Cochrane presented the Board's calendar for April, 2002. He reminded the Board of the work session on March 26 at 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Chairman Cochrane stated that there will be a joint meeting with the School Board on April 15 at 6:00. This will be a dinner meeting at the school of technology. The purpose of the meeting will be to look at the funding needed for the school for critical needs and repairs. The next five years will also be looked at, what the needs are and how the needs may be financed. The General Assembly delegation will also be invited to the meeting.

**County Manager's Report:** Stan Kiser, County Manager, presented the County Manager's Report.

**County Attorney's Report:** Jeff Taylor gave the Board an update on the foreclosure procedures, stating that there are 10 more cases in process.

Mr. Taylor stated that the closing for the East Lincoln Library should be within the next week to ten days.

Mr. Taylor stated that he has received calls from other jurisdictions about the increases on water tap increases.

There was a discussion about selling the land on Highway 16. The Board discussed the upset bid procedure for the sale. Commissioner Craig reported that he would like to go back to the individual that was interested in the property and will report back to the Board.

**Other Business:** Commissioner Craig stated that there is nothing in the works for small business incentives. He stated that he has gotten several calls from people opening small businesses in Lincoln County. Commissioner Craig asked Commissioner Anderson to ask Barry Matherly to see about giving incentives packages to small businesses.

Commissioner Craig stated that the Historical Association is trying to finish the log cabin at the Ramseur's Mill Battlefield Site for the upcoming event of the reenactment of the battle that took place there. He stated that there was a request in the budget for \$21,000 to complete ongoing projects, none of which was funded. He stated that there is \$20,000 set aside for the piece of property adjacent to the site. Commissioner Craig stated that the Commission could tap that account and use it to finish the log cabin. Commissioner Craig stated that at some time in the future, he'd like to have that money put back into their budget to purchase this land.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to allow the Historic Properties Commission to tap the \$20,000 account, up to \$13,000, for refurbishing of the log cabin.

Stan Kiser, County Manager, presented a memo from Kevin Starr about buying a laptop computer, multimedia projector and needed accessories. The funds are in their budget from salaries they have not used.

The Board discussed budget and hiring freezes.

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

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Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board

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Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman