

**MINUTES**  
**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2002**

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on June 17, 2002 at the Citizens Center, Commissioners Room, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting at 7:00 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 adding Budget Adjustment No. 112, Fire Ordinance Fees, and Bill Duston for Highway 73 Presentation.

**AGENDA**

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**JUNE 17, 2002**

	7:00 PM	Call to Order
1.	7:01 PM	Adoption of Agenda
2.	7:02 PM	Approval of Minutes - June 3, 2002
3.	7:05 PM	Consent Agenda - Tax Requests for Releases Less than \$100 – April 16 – May 15, 2002 More than \$100 – April 16 – May 15, 2002 - Tax Requests for Refunds Less than \$100 – April 13 – May 17, 2002 More than \$100 – April 13 – May 17, 2002 - Budget Adjustments 133 - 148

4. 7:10 PM Public Comments

5. 7:25 PM Recommendations from Planning Board from June 3, 2002

- Zoning Map Amendment No. 415 – Kenneth Mundy, Ronald Crane, Betty Carpenter, Susan Harrison, Edward Coker, Brian Walker, Joel Benton Barker, Joel Bradley Barker, Hollis Hamilton, Kenneth Tucker, Raymond Hoover, and Robin Hoover, applicants
- Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning No. 86 – John Flowers, Jr., applicant.
- Zoning Map Amendment No. 416 – Boyd Dellinger, Walter Blair Dellinger, Lois Dellinger, Joseph Howard, Steven Schronce, Helen Turbyfill, James Snuffer, Mihail Pitsikoulis, James Cash, James Rich, Christine Brown, Darlene Banis, Linda Bryson, Ed Page Dellinger, Jerry Dellinger, Henry Coleman Dellinger, Kemp Dellinger, and Burgin Goodson, applicants.
- Zoning Map Amendment No. 417 – Gates Realty & Auction, applicant.
- Conditional Use Permit No. 203 – David Wilson, DVM, applicant.
- Zoning Map Amendment No. 418 – David Curtis Family Limited Partnership, applicant.
- Zoning Text Amendment No. 419 - Lincoln County, applicant.
- Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning No. 85 – Mickey Jo Read, applicant.
- Zoning Map Amendment No. 414 – Catawba Springs Land Co., applicant.

6. 8:00 PM New Lincoln County EMS Facility Bids – Ron Rombs

7. 8:15 PM Update on Foreclosures – Madge Huffman

8. 8:30 PM NCDOT Enhancement Program – Ramsour's Mill Battle Site – Audrey Setzer

9. 8:40 PM Retirement Procedures – Commissioner Larry Craig

10. 8:50 PM Finance Officer's Report – Leon Harmon

11. 9:00 PM Update on Capital Project Reports – Steve Gilbert

12. 9:10 PM Update on Ken Scronce

13. 9:20 PM Vacancies

14. 9:25 PM Appointments

15. 9:30 PM Calendar

16. 9:35 PM County Commissioners' Report

17. 9:45 PM County Manager's Report

18. 9:55 PM County Attorney's Report

19. 10:05 PM Other Business

Adjourn

**Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2002:** Chairman Cochrane presented the minutes of the June 3, 2002 meeting for the Board's approval.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Saine, 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 – April 16 – May 15, 2002**

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Alexander, Scott George	2001	0086211	\$128.77
Benson, Jeremy Paul	2001	0113178	\$123.71
BR Lee Products Inc	2001	0147184	\$163.07
Cornelius, Kenny June	2001/02	0084111	\$514.87
Dula, Penny Lee	2001	0154103	\$111.15
First Presbyterian Church	2001	33573	\$236.59
Folger Leasing Co.	2002	0088196	\$163.09
Goins, Patricia White	2001	0104261	\$108.54
Green, Johnnie V.	2001	31554	\$259.24
Howse, Richard Alan	2001	0149457	\$110.03
Jordan, Marsha Hosey	2001	0116692	\$204.45
Lincoln Center for Women's	2001	0128453	\$119.66
Moore, Michael Craig	2001	0075798	\$105.29
Norwood, Gary Wayne	2001	0095418	\$203.00
Rada, Ken M.	2001	29479	\$183.94
Reinhardt, Debra Eaker	2001	0157556	\$145.61

Rudisill, Denise Brittian	2001	0116415	\$162.02
Simmons, Maurice Redell	2001	0094441	\$124.35
Story, Harold Kenneth	2001	36119	\$121.56
The New Millennium Group	2000	0143449	\$100.82
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,389.76</b>

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>A/C NO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Able Service Group	2001	0134080	\$16.41
Adams, Howard Lee	2001	0117307	\$15.58
Anthony & Son Builders	2001	24279	\$38.23
B P Drainage Works Inc.	2001	0136402	\$84.70
Baker, Jeffrey James	2001	0137194	\$9.99
Bean, Brenda G.	2001	18296	\$10.61
Beehner, Stephen John	2001	0106755	\$10.96
Blankenship, Debra Lee	2001	0157929	\$4.33
Bogan, Floyd Donald	2001	0094681	\$31.52
Bradshaw, John Daniel	2001	0158059	\$85.43
Burris, Lavinia Rudisill	2001	0078547	\$77.60
Canales-Porras, Marco Tulio	2001	0146948	\$13.06
Carolina Cross Connection	2001	0074605	\$36.94
Carswell, Allen Dale	2001	0121557	\$18.80
Catawba Rental Co.	2001	24510	\$77.41
Cate, Peggy Kaufman	2001	0120632	\$37.66
Caudill, Daniel Houston	2001	0102098	\$14.44
Clary, Michael Lawrence	2001	0092949	\$16.26
Collins, Linda Ward	2001	0158213	\$28.32
Connor, Shirley Polhill	2001	0091873	\$89.44
Cook, Kathy Spradley	2001	0158014	\$13.58
Coulter, Laurie Anderson	2001	0071514	\$3.31
Counce, Michelle Lynn	2001	0157519	\$50.27
Crews, Joseph Edward	2001	0130206	\$11.94
Cruz, Martin Charco	2001	0145222	\$17.78
Davis, Gerald	2001	03308	\$5.75
Diehl, G. Scott	2001	0081021	\$23.39
Duncan, Paul Edmond	2001	0080495	\$42.75
Eaglewood, Inc.	2001	0065319	\$81.88
Farmer, Cathi Elaine	2001	0137595	\$97.35
Felts, Steve Barry	2001	0157410	\$10.94
Forrester, Doris B.	2001	0123874	\$49.31
Fowler, Jeffrey Wayne	2001	0086243	\$6.43
Francis, Arthur V. III	2001	0155994	\$1.51
Freeman, Raymond Lee	2001/02	0138812	\$49.71
Gale, David E.	2001	0119229	\$72.03

Garmon, Hal P. IV	2002	0123287	\$35.33
Gonzalez, Silvia M.	2001	0145650	\$14.09
Goodson, Michael Lee	2001	0101387	\$54.49
Grant, Charles Clayton	2001	0125871	\$71.65
Greene, Marc Trenton	2001	0135355	\$23.13
Hall, Ann Houck	2001	0152848	\$36.30
Hanks, Charles Benjamin IV	2001	0116859	\$7.93
Henderson, Hollis Carlton	2001	0097616	\$39.53
Herrera, Vicente Arturo	2001	0153812	\$25.28
Hinson, Brady Jason	2002	0076244	\$23.42
Hoke, Barbara Harrell	2001	0121428	\$37.60
Holt, Barry Ray	2002	0069768	\$55.12
Hopper, Joe Harold	2001	0107354	\$34.95
Houser, Brandi Leigh	2001	0153616	\$8.85
Hunt, Timothy N.	2001	0125459	\$25.56
James, Stephen Lee	2000	0129796	\$53.33
Jenkins, Lee Junior	2001	07545	\$85.36
Jones, Brenda Eurey	2001	0158285	\$12.49
Karnes, Rodney Lee	2001	0147875	\$97.35
Keith Heavner Construction	2002	0139007	\$50.49
Kistler, William Yates	2001	0086073	\$29.36
Kulas-Seelman, Denise Marie	2001	0098045	\$23.66
Kyles, Teresa Moore	2001	0153111	\$31.99
Ledford, Jan Devenney	2001	0066362	\$61.02
Lord, Carl Lamar Jr.	2001	0127932	\$1.29
Lowe, Suzie Byrd	2001	0158185	\$51.43
Marlowe, Darren Keith	2001	0112874	\$63.44
Martin, James Edward	2001	0080132	\$16.69
Martin, Judy Christine	2001	0074699	\$7.19
McCarthy, Stephen Ross	2001	0158169	\$35.82
McCorkle, Sammy D.	2001	17057	\$16.52
Michael, Harold Daniel	2001	0146262	\$9.48
Mireles, Patricia Chapman	2001	0116200	\$24.25
Mitchem, Tina Michael	2001	0125928	\$11.48
Moore, Alvah Dewayne	2001	0078882	\$14.27
Moretz, James Edward	2001	0066615	\$57.73
Mullen, Richard Scott	2001	0079300	\$22.74
Newsome, Randall B.	2001	0150411	\$19.85
Odell, Pauline Schrum	2001	0071089	\$19.39
Oldham, Clarence E.	2001	10865	\$2.15
Ownes, Todd W.	2001	10942	\$5.35
Packaging Unlimited of NC	2002	0064933	\$30.23

Plummer, David Anthony	2001	0103232	\$13.47
Plunkett, Michael Ray	2001	0071268	\$6.47
Poinsette, Joel J.	2001	0138135	\$8.76
Poole, Donald Dean	2001	13915	\$72.13
Poteat, Larry Woodrow Jr.	2002	0072442	\$63.51
Prater, Phillip Eugene	2001	0097958	\$43.67
Professional Errand Services	2001	0156266	\$84.53
Reynolds, Raymond Samuel	2001	0103593	\$13.47
Ruff, Jessie Kidd	2001	0096361	\$15.33
Self, David Bernard Jr.	2001	0066731	\$53.92
Shepard, Charles Richard	2001	0066201	\$26.38
Sifford, Stephen Dennis	2001	46688	\$3.35
Smallwood, John Ellis	2001	0128976	\$82.42
Smith, Gary	2001	10166	\$9.83
Spake, Karen H.	2001	0148650	\$6.88
Stamey, Bill Steele Jr.	2001	0158028	\$58.76
Steele, Cynthia	2001	0110788	\$17.88
Stoner, James Everette III	2001	0122971	\$13.52
Storey, David Samuel	2002	0098206	\$58.19
Story Custom Homes Inc.	2001	0065194	\$5.10
Strange, Kerry Cash	2001	0080599	\$51.01
Suttles, Shaun Donald	2001	0148389	\$76.65
Swink, Kathleen Bruton	2001	0145034	\$7.34
Thomas, Joe B.	2001	0118091	\$21.77
Thompson, Dale Vernard	2001	0149402	\$8.85
Turner, Freddie Lewis	2001	08817	\$6.96
Turner, Linzy Denver	2001	0157546	\$31.75
Valley National Financial Serv.	2001	0087900	\$20.06
Whiteside, Emily Gillette	2001	0158148	\$6.57
Wilkins, Claude Windell	2001	0083741	\$87.15
Wilson, Roger Dale	2002	0158324	\$99.80
Wilson, Wavie Lynn	2001	0074578	\$10.74
Wise, Robert John	2001	0156201	\$33.77
Wyatt, Melva Jean	2001	0102308	\$10.19
Zientek, Thomas Joseph	2001	0108378	\$14.21
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,747.59</b>

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>A/C NO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Anderson, Nathan III	2001	0095695	\$131.19
Barger, Kenneth Lee	1995-01	0060143	\$438.87
Carpenter, Charles Eugene	2000/01	11565	\$270.60
Freeman, Raymond Lee	2001	0074944	\$160.13
Gales, Billy Ray	2001	0105654	\$147.40

Grooms, Christine	2001	0136820	\$108.26
Quinn, Robert B.	2001	20578	\$108.24
Reel, Herschel	1999-01	14350	\$177.41
Rodgers, Exodus	2001	0099954	\$1,645.36
Tree Brand Packaging Inc.	2001	0088291	\$471.18
Watson, Sammy	1999	0140636	\$197.79
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,856.43</b>

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>A/C NO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Arthur, Jeffrey Alan	2001	0087786	\$39.29
Drye, Mark W.	2001	41877	\$9.59
Gaida, George	2000/01	0089352	\$21.49
Schronce, Timothy D.	2001	0119211	\$72.34
Smith, Anderson R.	2001	16427	\$9.92
Unicon Concrete LLC	1999/00	0121234	\$71.67
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$224.30</b>

**LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT  
REQUEST FOR REFUNDS  
ANNUALS**

PERIOD COVERED (April 13, 2002 to May 17, 2002)

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DIST</b>	<b>A/C#</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Rodgers, Exodus	2001	AFD	0099954	\$217.12
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$217.12</b>

**LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT  
MOTOR VEHICLES** **REQUEST FOR REFUNDS**  
PERIOD COVER (April 13, 2002 to May 17, 2002)

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DIST</b>	<b>A/C#</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Allran, Lena Travis	2001	CITY	0079760	\$11.60
Beam, Paul M.	2001	NBFD	00799	\$13.07
Begley, Paul M.	2001	DFD/ELSD	0146790	\$18.15
Bentley, Thomas Richard	2001	CITY	0104982	\$80.39
Boggs, Lori Jenkins	2001	DFD	0090675	\$35.54
Conrad, Chad Ryan	2001	BCFD	0116649	\$34.43
Conrad, Randy Kendall	2001	BCFD	0085937	\$10.05
Dalrymple, Fred Mciver Jr.	2001	BCFD	0099537	\$1.29
Dawkins, Joe Louis Jr.	2001	PCFD	0106046	\$3.05

Finger, Herbert Hoover Jr.	2001	N321FD	0100024	\$2.65
Hartman, Robert William Jr.	2001	ELFD/ELSD	0129733	\$76.83
Hovis, Gale Leonhardt	2001	CITY	07372	\$6.40
Kuhn, Mark Allen	2001	BCFD	0107059	\$42.05
Leatherman, Lamont Edwin	2001	CITY	0066315	\$5.02
Martin, Jeffrey Scott	2001	DFD	0128322	\$35.01
McAlpine, Randy Lee	2001	PCFD	0138682	\$3.68
Moore, Jack Cathey II	2001	DFD	0125973	\$17.51
Pate, Susan Graham	2001	DFD	0125543	\$17.41
Rhyne, Lisa Dawn	2001	N321FD	0155566	\$28.62
Willis, Rodney Alex	2001	NBFD	0061593	\$11.75
Woody, Opaline Waldroup	2001	N321FD	0079935	\$7.52
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$462.02</b>

Budget Adjustment No. 133 by Finance to transfer \$112,900 from General Fund to CIP Fund to cover engineering cost of sewer line to North Lincoln High School.

Budget Adjustment No. 134 by Finance to budget additional \$300,000 to school capital outlay for roof repairs at Lincolnton Middle School.

Budget Adjustment No. 135 by Finance to cover \$30,000 for legal expenses for the year.

Budget Adjustment No. 136 by Finance to increase MIS budget to cover cost of personnel, D.P. supplies, contract services.

Budget Adjustment No. 137 by Finance to budget more of E 911 funds to cover expenses.

Budget Adjustment No. 138 by Finance to cover expense February housing juveniles and supplies for jury notices.

Budget Adjustment No. 139 by Finance to budget school bond fund for three projects to cover expenses in current year.

Budget Adjustment No. 140 by Finance to transfer \$400,000 of capacity Development Fees into Water Capital Projects Fund.

Budget Adjustment No. 141 by Finance to transfer \$1,000,000 from East Lincoln Sewer District operating fund 62 to East Lincoln Sewer Dist. Capital Improvement Fund for future capital projects.

Budget Adjustment No. 142 by EMS due to an increase in expenditures that has been attributed to an increase in call volume, an increase in QRV positions, major repairs on older apparatus, and results of Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. A dramatic increase in revenues also caused an increase in expenditures.

Budget Adjustment No. 143 by Register of Deeds to increase to cover overages in REVENUE and overages in Expense Accounts as a result of increased revenue.

Budget Adjustment No. 144 by the Health Department for Medicaid monies to be spent in the programs which earned them, to purchase EKG machine and other clinical equipment as needed, and unspent monies to be rolled over – Medicaid max.

Budget Adjustment No. 145 by the Health Department for Medicaid Maximization monies to be spent in the programs which earned them.

Budget Adjustment No. 146 by the Health Department for WIC Federal Funds to be spent in the program for additional supplies needed.

Budget Adjustment No. 147 by the Health Department for Environmental Health Funds to be spent toward cost of imaging files.

Budget Adjustment No. 148 for Senior Services for NCDOT funds for vans & technology purchase.

**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.

Being no one wishing to speak, Chairman Cochrane declared the public comments section closed.

**Recommendations from the Planning Board from May 6, 2002:**

**Zoning Map Amendment No. 415 – Kenneth Mundy, Ronald Crane, Betty Carpenter, Susan Harrison, Edward Coker, Brian Walker, Joel Benton Barker, Joel Bradley Barker, Hollis Hamilton, Kenneth Tucker, Raymond Hoover, and Robin Hoover, applicants:** Randy Hawkins stated that the Planning Board voted 4 – 1 to table the request for one month to consider criteria for evaluating such rezoning requests.

**Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning No. 86 – John Flowers, Jr., applicant:** Randy Hawkins stated that the Planning Board voted 5 – 0 to recommend approval with the conditions that the mobile home be removed within 12 months and that the property revert back to R-SF.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to allow the rezoning.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to accept the findings of fact as presented by the Planning Board.

Application #      PCUR #86      Date      6/17/02

Applicant's Name      John Flowers, Jr.

Applicant's Address      4521 Coachwood Lane  
Gastonia, NC 28056

Property location:      Abernathy Farm Road, Vale

Existing Zoning      R-SF

Proposed Conditional Use      Class C Singlewide mobile home

1. The use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed according to plan. YES X NO     
Factual Reasons Cited: Will not endanger public health or safety.
2. The use meets all required conditions and specifications. YES X NO     
Factual Reasons Cited: Meets all required conditions and specifications.
3. The use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property unless the use is a public necessity. YES X NO     
Factual Reasons Cited: Won't injure property value, mobile home will be removed.
4. The location and character of use, if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved, will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and will be in general conformity with the Land Use Plan for the area in question.  
YES X NO     
Factual Reasons Cited: Based on testimony at hearing.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to grant the Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning as requested with the conditions that the mobile home be removed within 12 months (from the date granted) and that the property revert back to R-SF.

**Zoning Map Amendment No. 416 – Boyd Dellinger, Walter Blair Dellinger, Lois Dellinger, Joseph Howard, Steven Schronce, Helen Turbyfill, James Snuffer, Mihail Pitsikoulis, James Cash, James Rich, Christine Brown, Darlene Banis, Linda Bryson, Ed Page Dellinger, Jerry Dellinger, Henry Coleman Dellinger, Kemp Dellinger, and Burgin Goodson, applicant:** Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, stated that the Planning Board voted 4 – 1 to table request for one month to consider criteria for evaluating such rezoning requests.

**Zoning Map Amendment No. 417 – Gates Realty & Auction, applicant:** Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, stated that the Planning Board voted 5 – 0 to recommend approval.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Choate, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Planning Board's recommendation and approve Zoning Map Amendment No. 417 – Gates Realty & Auction, applicant.

**Conditional Use Permit No. 203 – David Wilson, DVM, applicant:** Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, stated that the Planning Board voted 5 – 0 to recommend approval.

Application # CUP #203 Date 6/17/02

Applicant's Name      David Wilson, DVM

Applicant's Address    1269 Hwy 16 N  
Denver, NC 28037

Property location:    Hwy 73

Existing Zoning:      B-G

Proposed Conditional Use    Animal Kennel

1.      The use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed according to plan. YES X NO         
Factual Reasons Cited: Will not endanger public health or safety.
2.      The use meets all required conditions and specifications. YES X NO         
Factual Reasons Cited: Kennel area to be below grade.
5.      The use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property unless the use is a public necessity. YES X NO         
Factual Reasons Cited: Won't injure property value.
6.      The location and character of use, if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved, will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and will be in general conformity with the Land Use Plan for the area in question.  
YES X NO         
Factual Reasons Cited: Based on testimony and other evidence.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Choate, the Board voted unanimously to concur with the findings of the Planning Board .

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve Conditional Use Permit No. 203.

**Zoning Map Amendment No. 418 – David Curtis Family Limited Partnership,**  
**applicant:** Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, stated that the Planning Board voted 5 – 0 to recommend approval.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Saine, the Board voted unanimously to approve Zoning Map Amendment No. 418 – David Curtis Family Limited Partnership, applicant.

**Zoning Text Amendment No. 419 – Lincoln County, applicant:** Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, stated that the Planning Board voted 5 – 0 to recommend approval.

Commissioner Anderson asked about the formula for the traffic impact study.

Mr. Hawkins stated that there will be amendments at a later date concerning the traffic impact study and public works.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve Zoning Text Amendment No. 419 – Lincoln County, applicant.

**Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning No. 85 – Mickey Jo Read, applicant:** Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, stated that the Planning Board voted unanimously to table the request for another 30 days to get signed document from property owners.

**Zoning Map Amendment No. 414 – Catawba Springs Land Co., applicant:** Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator, stated that the Planning Board voted 5 – 0 to recommend approval. The developers plan to have deed restrictions, with a minimum lot size of 3 acres. Mr. Hawkins stated that their department will keep an eye on this.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to approve Zoning Map Amendment No. 414 – Catawba Springs Land Co., applicant.

**New EMS Facility Bids – Ron Rombs:** Ron Rombs and Ken Newell presented the bids for the new EMS Facility. The lowest multi-prime bids came in at \$996,307.80. The lowest Single-Prime Bid was \$1,003,000. The total bid includes construction cost for the base facility, the classroom, and the third bay.

Mr. Newell stated that it is typically easier with a single-prime bid. The difference in single-prime and multi-prime is \$6,000. The building will be completed in ten months.

The Board discussed the advantages of having a single-prime bid over a multi-prime.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the bid of \$1,003,000.00 by A. A. Ramsey & Son, Inc.

**Update on Foreclosures:** Madge Huffman, Tax Administrator, presented an update on foreclosures. Of the original 130 pre-foreclosure letters mailed April 2, 2001, the following has taken place: forty-two accounts have paid in full, twelve accounts have made partial payments, and thirty-one accounts have been given to the County Attorney.

Of these thirty-one, one account filed for bankruptcy, seven accounts paid in full, five accounts made partial payments, and foreclosure has been filed for seven real estate parcels (6 accounts). Forty-five accounts did not respond.

The beginning delinquent taxes due for the 130 accounts on April 2, 2001 was \$345,885 and the current delinquent taxes due for these accounts on June 13, 2002 is \$274,430. These amounts include penalties and interest.

For the January 8, 2002 mailing of 217 Attorney Pre-foreclosure letters, eighty-five have paid in full and forty-four have made partial payments.

There are forty-one accounts that have 1992 real estate property tax outstanding and on September 1, 2002 we can no longer proceed and force collection remedies. All collection remedies have been exhausted and the only option now is foreclosure.

Jeff Taylor, County Attorney, stated that seventeen foreclosures have been filed. The Hurt property has been foreclosed on.

Ms. Huffman stated that other counties have started seeking other attorneys, free of charge to the county, collecting fees only from the money collected.

Mr. Taylor stated that the local Bar Association meets this week and he will put this on the table to see if there is any interest. He stated that he will report back to the Board by the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in July.

Chairman Cochrane called for a short recess.  
Chairman Cochrane called the meeting back to order.

**NCDOT Enhancement Program – Ramsour’s Mill Battle Site:** Audrey Setzer, Special Projects Coordinator, stated that at the May 20, 2002 Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board authorized staff to prepare a grant application for the Ramsour’s Mill Battle Site project to be submitted to the NCDOT Enhancement Program.

The project will target the beginning of development of parking, trails, and signage for the battle site. Staff was asked to look at restoration of the cabin that is there, but the cabin itself is not directly related to transportation. In the grant a six-space parking lot at the entrance of the cabin site was included. The entrance and trails are also included, as well as a parking lot map. Signage would also be included in this.

Commissioner Craig stated that funds have been set aside to establish trails there and the money is in hand in the Historic Properties budget that could be used for matching funds.

Tom Howard, Chairman of the Historic Properties Commission, stated that he supports that idea.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board approved the request for \$45,000 and to allow a \$9,000 local match from the Historical Properties Fund that was established for trail making.

**Highway 73 Presentation:** Bill Duston and Rebecca Yarbrough, with Centralina Council of Government, presented information concerning a NC 73 Corridor Land Use and Transportation Study. The desired end-product of this study will be a plan, tailored to serve the needs of local governments and their constituents, that offers a “toolbox” of

land use and transportation best management practices that could be employed along the Corridor that jointly promote the safe and orderly development of the Corridor. There have been discussions with DOT about this and there appears to be significant funding available. DOT is willing to kick in money if each government entity contributes \$10,000.

Ms. Yarbrough encouraged the Board to contact local legislators and let them know that they support this project. She stated that the figure \$10,000 has been batted around, but she does not know if it has to be cash or if it can be staff services, etc.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to support the Corridor 73 Transportation Study.

**Retirement Procedures:** Commissioner Larry Craig presented the following information.

#### Recognizing Retiring County Employees

A. All Retiring County Employees

1. All retiring part-time and full-time county employees be recognized and honored at the County's annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon.
2. Employees, part-time and full-time, with a minimum of five (5) years service, be presented with a clock/plaque commemorating the employee's service at the annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon.

B. Retiring Department Heads

1. At actual time of retirement, the retiring employee's department may host a farewell luncheon or reception for the retiring department head at the department's expense.

C. Retiring Non-Department Heads

1. At actual time of retirement, the retiring employee's department may host a farewell reception for the retiring employee at the department's expense.

Commissioner Craig made a motion to accept this policy.

There was a discussion about the receptions or luncheons being at employee expense, not county expense. There was also a discussion about giving more to long-term employees.

Commissioner Craig withdrew his motion.

It was decided that this policy would be reworded and brought back by the next meeting.

**Finance Officer's Report:** Leon Harmon gave the Finance Officer's Report, stating that May is 92% of the fiscal year. Property taxes, current year taxes show collections of \$25.5 million for the period July through May, an increase of \$514,012 from last month and 98% of the current year budgeted revenue.

Sales taxes revenues have been received for all of the year. The total amount of sales taxes under budget for the year is \$437,191, which is 5% of the total amount budgeted. This loss is being made up in other revenues.

Register of Deeds has exceeded budgeted revenues by \$145,585. Building and Land Development has exceeded revenues by \$223,183.

Emergency Ambulance was budgeted at \$800,000 actual revenues through May were \$953,586, with \$242,055 being collected in May – an increase of almost three times the normal monthly revenue.

The Health and Social Services Departments are in line with their budgets. Health has revenues of 93% and expenses of 79%.

For the month of May, revenues for the General Fund have increased to 87% of budget and expenses are 77% of budget.

Fund 61 Water Fund, revenues are at 105% of budget with expenses at 55%. Water sales are 99% and tap fees are 149% of budget. The water capacity development fee, whjich was instituted earlier this year, has generated \$359,807.

Fund 62 East Lincoln Water and Sewer District – revenues are at 106% and expenses are 84% of budget. Sewer tap fees are down at \$462,473 or 75% of budget, but are being made up by sewer fees, which are \$926,143 or 163% of budget.

Fund 66 Landfill Fund, revenues are 96% and expenses are 49% of budget. Tipping fees are 100% and availability fees are 98% of budget.

Mr. Harmon presented the following resolution for the Board's approval, which would increase the fixed asset capitalization amount for financial reporting to \$5,000.

#### **RESOLUTION TO INCREASE FIXED ASSET CAPITALIZATION AMOUNT**

**WHEREAS**, Lincoln County owns a number of fixed assets, including land, buildings, vehicles and equipment,

**WHEREAS**, Lincoln County is responsible for keeping accurate records of fixed assets owned by the County,

**WHEREAS**, Lincoln County currently capitalizes fixed assets, as items costing \$1,000 or more and having a useful life of more than two years,

**WHEREAS**, It has been the recommendation of the Government Finance Officers Association to increase the capitalization for financial reporting to \$5,000,

**WHEREAS**, Government Accounting Standards Board statement 34 will require that fixed assets be depreciated for financial reporting,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the capitalization of all fixed assets, for financial reporting, owned by Lincoln County shall be increased from the current \$1,000 to \$5,000 per asset.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002.

ATTEST:

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Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman  
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution.

**Update on Ken Scronce:** Jeff Taylor presented the following proposed amendment to Hospitalization Insurance/Continuation at Retirement Policy.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE/  
CONTINUATION AT RETIREMENT POLICY**

Section 2.0 would be amended to read as follows:

The County of Lincoln shall continue individual hospital insurance to its employees upon retirement, provided all of the following qualifications are met:

- (a) The employee is occupying a full-time or part-time budgeted position at the time of retirement;
- (b) The employee has completed a minimum of twenty (20) years of service with Lincoln County;
- (c) The employee is eligible to retire with the Local Government Employees Retirement System with a minimum of 20 years.

**Special rules applicable to employees of Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services:**

**For purposes of meeting requirement (b) above, the employee may count years of continuous service to Emergency Medical Services during the years when it was operated by the various entities known as Lincoln County Hospital, Lincoln Health System, and/or Lincoln Medical Center. Requirement (c) shall not apply to employees of Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services who attained 20 years of continuous service under (b) on or prior to June 1, 2002.**

**Section 5.1 is amended to read as follows:**

**Except as otherwise provided in Section 2.0,** employees who retire with the LGERS from a full-time budgeted position with 20 or more years of service with Lincoln County will be eligible for the County to continue individual hospital insurance. This special rule shall expire 10 years from date of adoption.

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

**Fire Ordinance Fees:** Mike Futrell presented a recommendation of reduced fees in the Fire Ordinance.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the new fee schedule.

**Budget Adjustment No. 112:** Budget Adjustment No. 112 is by Social Services to increase expenditure and revenue line items for funds received for Special Children's Adoption Fund (no county funds involved).

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Saine, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Adjustment No. 112.

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

## **VACANCIES**

Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee 6

Recreation Commission

    Lincolnton Township 1

Lincoln Natural Resources Committee 1 (Realtor)

Library Board

    Lincolnton Township 1

Personnel Board 1

The following are Commissioner Craig's recommendations:

## APPOINTMENTS

Library Board  
Beverly Gantt

Lincoln County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority  
Don Ballard  
Harold Howard, Jr.  
Jim Mauney

## REAPPOINTMENTS

Social Services Board  
James A. Hallman

Lincoln County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority  
John Black, Jr.  
Dyra Eaker  
Danny Richard  
John Lockman

Lincoln Economic Development Association  
Betty Setzer  
Harold Howard, Jr.

Lincoln Natural Resources Committee  
Ronald Bost  
Jay Bunzey  
Patty Dellinger  
Henry Fogle  
Brad Gragg  
Laura Gregory  
Jack LaPointe

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointments and reappointments.

**Calendar:** Commissioner Craig informed the Board that the Ramsour's Mill Battle Site Celebration went great. There was a good turnout and the barbecue was really good. Over 1000 people attended this on Saturday.

**County Manager's Report:** Stan Kiser, County Manager, presented the County Manager's Report. He presented the contract with Chase and Verizon for placing a cell phone antennae on the top of the Citizens Center.

Leon Harmon reported on his meeting with Metrosite, who could represent the County in marketing buildings, water tanks, or other public facilities.

Commissioner Choate stated that he is concerned about the appearance.

Commissioner Anderson stated that Chase proposed an initial rental of \$15,000 for the first five year period. He asked how they came up with this number.

Mr. Harmon stated that the gentleman from Metrosite said that was a pretty good price.

Commissioner Anderson stated that he feels we should determine what the site is worth. He stated that they are asking for 5 five-year terms, which go up every five years. He stated that the county will be better served by not locking in the price for five years. Commissioner Anderson commented that the Board should be protected from the standpoint of the roof on the building.

Mr. Kiser mentioned that we need to be sure there is adequate power on the roof. He also stated that the gentleman from Metrosite said we should probably have a license agreement instead of a lease.

The Board added this item to the July 1, 2002 agenda.

Leon Harmon stated that he has been contacted by Parker Black, who represents the Gaither family. The Gaither family owns the Heafner Tire Building where the Social Services furniture is located. They are having expenses associated with us using the building and would like to rent the building to the county for \$800 a month with the county paying utilities. He stated that they will work with us if the building is sold to give us time to get the furniture moved.

**County Attorney's Report:** Jeff Taylor stated that the State has contacted him about a new lease for the Forestry Service.

Chairman Cochrane instructed Mr. Kiser to look into this and see if we are under legal obligation to rent this space.

Leon Harmon stated that we pay 40% of the Forestry Service rent.

**Adjourn:** **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Craig, 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