

MINUTES
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1999

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met on November 29, 1999, which was recessed from the November 15, 1999 Regular Meeting, at the Citizens Center, Commissioners Room, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting at 5:30 PM.

Commissioners Present:

James A. Hallman, Chairman
Terry L. Brotherton, Vice-Chairman
Beth H. Saine
W. J. Waters, Jr.

Commissioners Absent:

John R. Gamble, Jr.

Others Present:

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

Call to Order: Chairman Hallman called the meeting to order.

Catawba Lands Conservancy: Chairman Hallman stated that the Board has received a letter from the Catawba Lands Conservancy regarding the Natural Heritage Inventory.

Craig Wyant stated that the work on the Natural Heritage Inventory is done by a contractor. He stated that this is done on a voluntary basis, they get the landowner's permission to look at property. Mr. Wyant stated that the County's share could be as low as \$750, because City Council is being asked to pay \$250 now.

A MOTION by Commissioner Waters to approve the Natural Heritage Inventory and fund up to \$1000 in this budget year.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that his position has not changed since the last time the Board discussed this.

Chairman Hallman stated that it concerns him that the State will come along later and say that the County has to do this, and the County will have to fund the whole amount.

Commissioner Saine stated that she feels like this is another organization that will come back in a few years wanting more money.

Craig Wyant stated that 53 counties in North Carolina have completed the Natural Heritage Inventory, and 7 counties are in the process of completing it. He presented the Board with a map of the counties that have done the Inventory.

Vote: 1 – 3 AYES: Waters
NOES: Hallman, Brotherton, Saine

Resolution for the City of Gastonia Clean Water Management Trust Fund: Erma Deen Hoyle stated that she talked to Chuck Moore, Gaston County's Attorney. Mr. Moore advised her that this Resolution has not come before the Gaston County Commissioners yet, because they have not had a meeting yet. He also advised that they are having discussions with NCDOT, discussing several options. Chuck Moore also told her that the Board could support Gastonia's application to Clean Water Management Trust Fund, and delete the conservation easement, if that is what the problem is with.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that he has not changed his position from the last time it was discussed. He stated that this \$300,000 is taxpayers money from all over the State. He stated that he reads in the paper that there is not enough money to help the flood victims. Commissioner Brotherton stated that he has a problem doing anything with this land until problems relating to Highway 16 are resolved.

Commissioner Saine stated that she agrees with Commissioner Brotherton on this.

Chairman Hallman stated that the Board may not want to act on this tonight.

A MOTION by Chairman Hallman to table until a later date.

Vote: 1 – 3 AYES: Hallman
NOES: Brotherton, Saine, Waters

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Brotherton, the Board voted 3 to 1 (Commissioner Waters against) to not endorse the Resolution.

Lincoln County Substance Abuse Policy: County Manager Stan Kiser stated that changes have been made by NCDOT and Centralina. He stated that these changes need Board approval.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Brotherton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the updated Lincoln County Substance Abuse Policy.

Set Public Hearing for December 13, 1999 at 5:00 PM for NCDOT Grant Application:

Erma Deen stated that this is not a Public Hearing that the Board needs to attend. She stated that she would like to hold the Public Hearing in the Commissioners' Room.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to set the Public Hearing for the NCDOT Grant for December 13, 1999 at 5:00 PM. This Public Hearing will be held in the Commissioners' Room.

Stan Kiser, County Manager, stated that Leadership Lincoln will be held on January 5, 1999, and they are requesting that two Commissioner representatives attend. This will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Commissioners Brotherton and Saine volunteered to attend.

Closed Session: **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Saine, the Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session for the following purposes pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11:

1. To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other business in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations. The action approving the signing of an economic development contract or commitment, or the action authorizing the payment of economic development expenditures, shall be taken in open session.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION.

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