

**MINUTES**  
**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2013**

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met August 5, 2013 at the Citizens Center, Commissioners' Room, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, at 6:30 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Alex E. Patton, Chairman  
Carl E. Robinson, Jr., Vice Chair  
James A. Klein  
Carrol D. Mitchem  
Cecelia A. Martin

Others Present:

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

Planning Board Members:

Christine Poinsette, Chair  
Darrell Gettys, Vice-Chair  
Todd Burgin  
John Dancoff  
Dr. Crystal Mitchem  
Brian Rabalais

**Call to Order:** Chairman Patton called the August 5, 2013 meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to order. Commissioner Robinson gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**AGENDA**  
**Lincoln County Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
**Monday, August 5, 2013**  
**6:30 PM**

**James W. Warren Citizens Center**  
**115 West Main Street**  
**Lincolnton, North Carolina**

Call to Order

Invocation - Commissioner Robinson

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Consent Agenda
  - Tax Requests for Releases - Over \$100
    - June 16 - July 15, 2013
  - Tax Requests for Refunds - Over \$100
    - June 17 - 30, 2013
  - Minutes for Approval
  - CDBG Monthly Status Updates
3. Zoning Public Hearings - Randy Hawkins

CZ #2013-1 Robert Watson, applicant (Parcel ID# 02300) A request to rezone 4.5 acres from I-G (General Industrial) to CZ B-G (Conditional Zoning General Business) to permit an indoor shooting range. The property is located on the west side of N.C. 16 Business about 400 feet south of Natalie Commons Drive in Catawba Springs Township.

CZ #2013-2 John Coughlin, applicant (Parcel ID# 89431) A request to rezoning of 0.9 acre from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to CZ B-G (Conditional Zoning General Business) to permit a two unit commercial development, with a Dunkin' Donuts proposed for one of the units. The property is located on the west side of N.C. 16 Business about 600 feet north of Townsend Drive in Catawba Springs Township.

PCUR #160 Jeff Wilkinson, applicant (Parcel ID# 23338) A request for a parallel conditional use rezoning of 0.9 acre from R-S (Residential Suburban) to CU B-G (Conditional Use General Business) to permit additional parking for a car dealership. The property is located on the east side of James Street about 300 feet north of N.C. 27 in Ironton Township.

CUP #324 James Satiro, applicant (Parcel ID# 72780) A request for a conditional use permit to sell vehicles in the B-G (General Business) district and the Eastern Lincoln Development District (ELDD). The 1.0-acre parcel is located at 1763 Triangle Circle, on the northern end of Triangle Circle about 250 feet west of N.C. Business, in Catawba Springs Township.

CUP #325 Dwain Exline, applicant (Parcel ID# 84785) A request for a conditional use permit to sell vehicles in the I-G (General Industrial) district. The 1.0-acre parcel is located at 4194 Burnwood Trail, on the east side of Burnwood Trail about 1,900 feet south of N.C. 16 Business, in Catawba Springs Township.

4. Public Comments (15 minutes allowed per Rules of Procedure – 3 minutes per person)
5. Motion to waive formal bidding procedures and award the purchase of a Specialty Designed Bookmobile Body to Northwest Emergency Vehicles for \$65,663 as a sole source - Martha Lide
6. Motion award the contract for purchase of a cab and chassis for a new Library Book Vehicle to Modern Chevrolet Co. for \$37,314.75 as they were the lowest responsive, responsible bidder - Martha Lide
7. Motion to Accept a \$49,999 LSTA EZ Literacy and Lifelong Learning Grant to purchase SMARTboards and Mobile lab for the Lincoln County Public Library - Martha Lide
8. Motion to approve the contract with the City of Lincolnton for the County to bill and collect taxes for the City of Lincolnton - Martha Lide
9. Report on Flooding Event - Martha Lide
10. Other Business
11. Closed Session - Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11. Closed sessions.

(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or

conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session.

Adjourn

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Martin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

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

- Tax Requests for Releases - Over \$100
  - June 16 - July 15, 2013
- Tax Requests for Refunds - Over \$100
  - June 17 - 30, 2013
- Minutes for Approval
- CDBG Monthly Status Updates

\*Items listed in the Consent Agenda are on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board and are hereby made a part of these minutes as though fully set forth herein.\*

**Zoning Public Hearings:** Randy Hawkins presented the following:

**Conditional Zoning #2013-1: Robert Watson, applicant:**

The applicant is requesting the rezoning of 4.5 acres from I-G (General Industrial) to CZ B-G (Conditional Zoning General Business) to permit an indoor shooting range. An indoor shooting range is a conditional use in the B-G district and Eastern Lincoln Development District (ELDD). If the rezoning request is approved, the use of the property would be subject to the approved plan and any conditions mutually approved by the county and the applicant.

The property is located on the west side of N.C. 16 Business about 400 feet south of Natalie Commons Drive. It is adjoined by property zoned I-G, B-G, B-N (Neighborhood Business) and R-SF (Residential Single Family). Land uses in this area include business, industrial and institutional. This property is part of an area identified by the NC 16 Corridor Vision Plan as the North Triangle/Unity Church development node, an area where commercial activity is encouraged.

**Permitted uses**

Under current zoning: manufacturing, processing and assembly of products, warehousing, etc. Under proposed zoning: indoor shooting range with training center, retail sales and offices.

**Adjoining zoning and uses**

East (opposite side of N.C. 16 Business): zoned B-G and B-N, storage building sales lot and vacant office building.

South: Zoned I-G, industrial building used for storage/warehouse  
West: zoned I-G and R-SF, undeveloped land.  
North: zoned R-SF, church.

**Required buffers**

Class A buffer along highway  
Class C buffer on north side abutting residential district

**Traffic**

The average daily traffic count on N.C. 16 Business in this area is approximately 17,000 vehicles, according to 2010 figures.

Chairman Patton opened the public hearing.

Don Sell stated that he is here representing Lake Norman Lutheran Church, which is adjacent to this property. He said they have no problems with it, but a few concerns, mainly about operating hours. He said the applicants have said they will not open until 12:30 p.m. on Sundays and they are happy with that. He said they are concerned with noise levels and decibel levels allowed. He said the preliminary hearing showed a plat and they would like to see the changes.

Craig Norfolk spoke representing the applicant and is involved with the potential range. He said he is here to answer any questions. He said they are agreeable to looking at the plans and trying to make it a go.

Robert Hosey stated that in speaking with the manufacturers, there all kinds of sounds abatement. He said once they get approval, they will get final architectural drawings. He said they will do whatever it takes to make it ok with the community.

Commissioner Robinson asked if it would be possible to find a range like this and take church members there so they can be assured there won't be a disturbance from this facility.

Mr. Hosey said there is a local range in Mooresville, which was a retrofit. He said there is a church next to this building in Mooresville and they have no problems with it. He said there is also one in Concord. He said he pulled up beside the one in Mooresville and could not hear noise above what the road noise was. He said there are also these ranges in Georgia.

Mr. Norfolk said they would be glad to go with these church members to one of these facilities to assure them the building would not be a problem.

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

**Conditional Zoning #2013-2: John Coughlin, applicant:**

The applicant is requesting the rezoning of a 0.9-acre parcel from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to CZ B-G (Conditional Zoning General Business) to permit a two-unit commercial development that would include a fast-food restaurant (Dunkin' Donuts).

Under the Unified Development Ordinance, a fast-food restaurant is a permitted use in the B-G district but not in the B-N district. Under the regulations for the Eastern Lincoln Development District, a restaurant is a conditional use if the site is located adjacent to or within 100 feet of a residential zoning district. If this rezoning request is approved, the use of the property would be subject to the approved plan and any conditions mutually approved by the county and the applicant.

#### Site Area & Description

This property is located on the west side of N.C. 16 Business about 600 feet north of Townsend Drive. It is adjoined by property zoned B-N, I-G (General Industrial), R-SF (Residential Single-Family) and R-CR (Residential and Commercial/Recreational). Land uses in this area include business, residential and industrial. This property is part of an area identified by the NC 16 Corridor Vision Plan as the South Triangle community center, where services and activities for the surrounding area are recommended to be concentrated.

#### Variance Request

The applicant has requested a variance from Section 2.5.1.H.3 of the Unified Development Ordinance to permit a road yard setback of 115 feet for the proposed building. Section 2.5.1.H.3 states that in the Eastern Lincoln Development District, the maximum road yard setback is 90 feet. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is scheduled to hold a public hearing and act on the variance request on July 22.

#### Environmental

This property is located in the Critical Area of the Catawba/Lake Norman Watershed. Because the proposed project would disturb 20,000 square feet or more of land and require an erosion control plan, it is subject to the following limits on impervious coverage: 24% by right or 50% under the high-density option. An impervious area of 47.6% is proposed for this project. This would require engineered stormwater controls and a watershed conditional use permit. If the rezoning request is approved, stormwater plans will be reviewed through a separate process that includes a public hearing.

#### Additional Information

##### **Permitted uses**

Under current zoning: retail sales, offices, services, restaurant (other than fast food), etc.  
Under proposed zoning: fast food restaurant, retail sales, offices, services, etc.

##### **Adjoining zoning and uses**

East (opposite side of N.C. 16 Business): zoned R-CR, large lot with residence on it.  
South: Zoned B-N, undeveloped lot to share driveway with this lot.  
West: zoned I-G, service shop.  
North: zoned B-N and R-SF, multi-tenant commercial building and residences.

##### **Required buffers**

Class C buffer along portion of north side abutting residential district  
Class A buffer along highway and along portion of north side abutting B-N district

**Traffic**

The average daily traffic count on N.C. 16 Business in this area is approximately 20,000 vehicles, according to 2010 figures.

Commissioner Klein asked about the fact that the area is mostly residentially zoned and asked about a decel lane.

Mr. Hawkins said DOT did not require a longer decel lane. They said a longer right turn lane would be preferable, but did not see this was possible

Chairman Patton opened the public hearing.

John Coughlin, applicant, said they have been looking at this area for a while. He said they would like to get the building up with a Dunkin Donuts and something else to compliment the area.

Mr. Coughlin stated that he was looking at a site farther north, but the deal fell through.

Gordon Hirshman, 8446 Pine Lane Road, Denver, said he was at the community meeting and expressed concerns about the adequacy of the deceleration lane and the problem with left hand turns coming out.

Being no speakers, Chairman Patton declared the public hearing closed.

**Parallel Conditional Use Rezoning #160 Jeff Wilkinson, applicant:**

The applicant is requesting a parallel conditional use rezoning of 0.9 acre from R-S (Residential Suburban) to CU B-G (Conditional Use General Business) to permit additional parking for a car dealership. Vehicle sales is a conditional use in the B-G district. If the rezoning request is approved, the development and use of the property would be subject to the approved site plan and any conditions mutually approved by the county and the applicant.

**SITE AREA AND DESCRIPTION**

The property is located on the east side of James Street about 300 feet north of N.C. 27 in Ironton Township. It is adjoined by property zoned R-S and B-N (Neighborhood Business). Land uses in this area include business, residential and institutional. This property is located in an area designated by the Lincoln County Land Use Plan as Mixed Residential/Commercial.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Permitted uses**

Under current zoning: Single-family dwelling, duplex, church.

Under requested zoning: additional parking for car dealership.

**Adjoining zoning and uses**

East: zoned R-S, residence and vacant commercial building.

South: zoned B-N, car dealership.

West (opposite side of James Street): zoned R-S, vacant lot.

North: zoned R-S, duplex.

**Required buffers if rezoned**

Class C buffer along rear and side line abutting residential district

Parking buffer along road right-of-way

Chairman Patton opened the public hearing.

Jeff Wilkinson stated that he owns the properties on both sides of this parcel. He said there is only one piece of property that abuts this and has met with him. There will be a 30 foot buffer of trees on the side that abuts residential and 20 foot buffer on the other side, which abuts apartments owned by him. He said it will be fenced-in, gravel and will be spill-over from their lot along with employee parking.

Betsy Badeau stated that she is an environmentalist and would like to know how long the tree buffer will stand.

Mr. Hawkins stated that the buffer will be permanent unless the plan is amended. The tress could be cut down, but trees would have to be planted back in their place.

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

**Conditional Use Permit #324: James Satiro applicant:**

The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to sell vehicles in the B-G (General Business) district and Eastern Lincoln Development District (ELDD). An existing building and parking area would be utilized as part of the proposal (see site plan). Under the Unified Development Ordinance, vehicle sales is a conditional use in the B-G district and in the ELDD.

**SITE AREA AND DESCRIPTION**

The 1.0-acre parcel is located at 1763 Triangle Circle, on the north side of the northern end of Triangle Circle about 250 feet west of N.C. 16 Business. It is adjoined by property zoned B-G and I-G (General Industrial). Land uses in this area include business and residential. This property is located in an area identified by the NC 16 Corridor Vision Plan as a commercial node.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Adjoining zoning and uses**

- East: zoned B-G, vacant lot.
- South (opposite side of Triangle Circle): zoned B-G, financial institution.
- West: zoned B-G, undeveloped lot.
- North: zoned I-G, largely undeveloped tract with telecommunications tower.

**ELDD STANDARDS**

The ELDD regulations require that all outdoor sales areas for vehicles be separated from the road right-of-way by a Class A buffer and a fence constructed of ornamental iron or other metal works, or masonry columns of brick, decorative block or similar materials. The minimum requirement for a Class A buffer is a 10-foot-wide landscaping strip with two canopy trees, two understory trees and 12 shrubs per 100 feet of frontage.

#### ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF COMPLIANCE

The applicant is proposing to provide a 5-foot-wide landscaping strip as an alternative means of compliance. Under the ELDD regulations, the Planning Board is authorized to approve a site plan that does not meet specific standards, provided that certain findings of fact are made.

Chairman Patton opened the public hearing.

Rudy Bauer said there are three used car lots on that corner currently. He said the amount of used car lots in the area should be looked at.

James Satiro, stated that he is applying for the use permit and is currently an auto dealer in the county. He said there will be no modifications to the current property, except for the landscaping and buffer. He said he is asking for a five-foot buffer due to the property dropping off on one side and he would like to leave as is. He said there will be no work done on this property, it will only be to sell vehicles.

Commissioner Klein asked if the slope could be filled in. Mr. Satiro said he feels like it could, but he does not plan on doing that.

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

#### **Conditional Use Permit #325 – Dwain Exline, applicant:**

The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to sell vehicles in the I-G (General Industrial) district. An existing building and parking area would be utilized (see site plan). Under the Unified Development Ordinance, vehicle sales is a conditional use in the I-G district.

#### SITE AREA AND DESCRIPTION

The 1.0-acre parcel is located at 4194 Burnwood Trail, on the east side of Burnwood Trail about 1,900 feet south of N.C. 16 Business. It is adjoined by property zoned I-G and R-S (Residential Suburban). Land uses in this area are primarily industrial. The Lincoln County Land Use Plan designates this area as industrial.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

##### **Adjoining zoning and uses**

- East: zoned R-S, undeveloped land.
- South: zoned I-G, undeveloped lot.



- West (opposite side of Burnwood Trail): zoned I-G, metal recycling operation.
- North: zoned I-G, multi-tenant industrial building.

Mr. Hawkins said this road is dedicated as public right of way and was built to NCDOT standards. It has deteriorated severely and he understands there is a pending lawsuit against the developer of the property.

Commissioner Klein asked if the Board could consider road condition in making the decision. Mr. Hawkins said he did not think it should be considered since this use will not add substantial traffic.

Chairman Patton opened the public hearing.

Rudy Bauer said he can't see anybody going down in that area to look at used cars. He said nobody has done anything with that road for years.

Dwain Exline, applicant, stated that he owns more property, as well as a scrap yard, on this road and work has been done on the road over the years. He said the road is pretty rough right now due to all the rain recently. He said he built this building according to UDO standards and would like to use it for his. He said some people bring in good cars for salvage and he would like to be able to fix them up and sell them. He said if they can get the road up to state standards, they will take it over.

James Satiro stated that he owns property on this road and has no objections to this use. He said this road is virtually impassible and this is why he is requesting (in a previous case tonight) to move his business to Triangle Circle.

Commissioner Mitchem asked if the condition of the road matters.

Mr. Hawkins said the county is not in the road business and does not control it.

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

Chairman Patton released the Planning Board to the second floor balcony to continue their meeting.

**Public Comments:** Chairman Patton opened public comments.

Being no speakers, Chairman Patton closed public comments.

**Motion to waive formal bidding procedures and award the purchase of a Specialty Designed Bookmobile Body to Northwest Emergency Vehicles for \$65,663 as a sole source - Martha Lide:**

It is recommended that the Board waive formal bidding procedures and award the purchase of a Specialty Designed Bookmobile Body to Northwest Emergency Vehicle for \$65,663 as a sole

source. We are requesting the waiving of bidding procedures due to the complexity and special design of the body as a bookmobile. This bookmobile body/box will be installed on the cab and chassis, which is also recommended for purchase on tonight's agenda.

County staff has been investigating options to replace the old bookmobile for the past year and a half. This analysis was impacted by the need to provide courier services, which were formerly provided by the regional library system. The staff reviewed various options, including a full size bus-type vehicle, a Sprinter van-type vehicle, and a chassis and cab with a customized body/box vehicle. We are recommending a chassis and cab with a customized body/box vehicle because, over the long term, it will be the most economical solution, and it will be possible to remount the body/box on a new chassis rather than purchasing an entire new vehicle in the future. We solicited bids for the Chevrolet G4500 series cab and chassis because it is the chassis on our EMS vehicles, and we have had an excellent experience with them.

The required advertisement for waiving of formal bidding procedures was placed in the newspaper on June 28, 2013.

Funds for this purchase were budgeted in 2012-13 and are included in the Capital Improvements Funds.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to waive formal bidding procedures and award the purchase of a Specialty Designed Bookmobile Body to Northwest Emergency Vehicles for \$65,663 as a sole source.

**Motion award the contract for purchase of a cab and chassis for a new Library Book Vehicle to Modern Chevrolet Co. for \$37,314.75 as they were the lowest responsive, responsible bidder - Martha Lide:** Martha Lide presented the following information:

It is recommended that the Board award the contract for purchase of a cab and chassis for a new Library Book Vehicle to Modern Chevrolet Co. for \$37,314.75 as they were the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. Funds for this purchase were budgeted in the Capital Improvements Fund in the 2012-13 budget. Also on tonight's agenda is the recommended award of a specialized body to be installed on this cab and chassis.

County staff has been investigating options to replace the old bookmobile for the past year and a half. This analysis was impacted by the need to provide courier services which were formerly provided by the regional library system. The staff reviewed various options, including a full size bus-type vehicle, a Sprinter van-type vehicle, and a chassis and cab with a customized body/box vehicle. We are recommending a chassis and cab with a customized body/box vehicle because, over the long term, it will be the most economical solution, and it will be possible to remount the body/box on a new chassis rather than purchasing an entire new vehicle in the future. We solicited bids for the Chevrolet G4500 series cab and chassis because it is the chassis on our EMS vehicles, and we have had an excellent experience with them.

The process for selecting this contractor was as follows:

- On June 14, 2013, Lincoln County issued informal sealed bid request RFB # 2014-0715 – Cab & Chassis. The RFB requested a new, model 2012 or newer, Chevrolet G4500series cab and chassis.
- The RFP documents and advertisement were posted on the County's website. The RFP

was also mailed to the following five vendors:

- Northwestern Emergency Vehicles
- Everett Chevrolet Buick GMC
- Earnhardt Chevrolet
- Randy Marion Chevrolet
- Abernethy Chevrolet
- Bids were due July 15, 2013. Proposals were received from the following three vendors:
  - Modern Chevrolet
  - Advantage Truck Center
  - Northwestern Emergency Vehicles
- The bid from Advantage Truck Center was determined to be non-responsive because they submitted a 2014 NF354 Isuzu vehicle, and the RFB specifically stated we wanted a new, model 2012 or newer, Chevrolet G4500series cab and chassis.

The bid from Modern Chevrolet was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder with a bid of \$37,314.75.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Klein, the Board voted unanimously to award the contract for purchase of a cab and chassis for a new Library Book Vehicle to Modern Chevrolet Co. for \$37,314.75 as they were the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

**Motion to Accept a \$49,999 LSTA EZ Literacy and Lifelong Learning Grant to purchase SMARTboards and Mobile labs for the Lincoln County Public Library:** Jennifer Sackett, County Librarian, presented the following:

The Lincoln County Public Library was awarded a \$49,999 EZ Literacy and Lifelong Learning Grant to be used to purchase SMART boards for each of the three libraries, a mobile laptop lab, and a mobile iPad lab. LSTA funds awarded by the State Library of North Carolina are made possible through funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources. Since the library will be partnering with the Lincoln County IT Department, and the Computer Users Group of Lincolnton (CUGOL) the required match is 10% rather than the 25%. The library does have funds in capital improvement projects budget which meets match required for this grant.

This project will serve as the foundation for a digital literacy program that the library intends to implement in conjunction with its long-range strategic plan and the national Connect2Compete initiative. The goals include making technology and digital information more readily available to the citizens of Lincoln County and assisting them with the effective use of both. It involves partnering with other community and government agencies in order to offer a wider range of free computer and technology workshops to the residents of Lincoln County.

A mobile laptop lab and mobile tablet lab will ensure the library to offer technology workshops in the library's meeting rooms during regular hours. The library will be purchasing laptops and tablet devices with charging carts which can be transferred between the libraries as needed. In addition to assisting with technology training workshops, the SMART boards will be used to enhance story times and special programs offered at the library.

Commissioner Klein stated that he will vote against this due to the federal money involved since

they don't have any.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Martin, the Board voted 4 – 1 (Klein against) to accept a \$49,999 LSTA EZ Literacy and Lifelong Learning Grant to purchase SMARTboards and Mobile labs for the Lincoln County Public Library.

**Motion to approve the contract with the City of Lincolnton for the County to bill and collect taxes for the City of Lincolnton:**

It is recommended that the Board approve the contract with the City of Lincolnton for the County to bill and collect taxes for the City of Lincolnton. The original contract authorizing Lincoln County to collect tax for the City of Lincolnton was for ten (10) years, from June 20, 1988 through June 30, 1998. There has not been a valid contract in effect since the previous contract expired; however, the County has continued to bill and collect the taxes for the City of Lincolnton.

As with the previous agreement, the contract gives authority for the County to bill and collect all real and personal property tax for the City. The City will pay a commission of three percent (3%) of all current and back taxes, assessments, penalties and interest collected for it. The City has also agreed to pay its pro rata share of any professional expenses the County may incur in collection of the City and County taxes (e.g. attorney's fees, appraisal expenses, auditing expenses, etc.) The other general terms and agreements are the same as the prior contract.

The new proposed contract would be retroactive from the expiration date of June 30, 1998, and will run perpetually until terminated by either party. Either party may terminate this agreement with a one-year notice,

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with the City of Lincolnton for the County to bill and collect taxes for the City of Lincolnton.

**Report on Flooding Event – Martha Lide:** Martha Lide presented a report on the flooding event in Lincoln County.

Commissioner Robinson and Chairman Patton thanked Ms. Lide for the excellent presentation and for the hard work done.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to remove the Declaration of State of Emergency for Lincoln County.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to waive permit fees for homes and businesses impacted by the storm.

**Other Business:**

**Closed Session:** **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Klein, the Board voted unanimously to enter Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11. Closed sessions.

(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of

appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session.

No action was taken in Closed Session.

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

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Amy S. Atkins, Clerk  
Board of Commissioners

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Alex E. Patton, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners