

**MINUTES**  
**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013**

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met December 16, 2013 at the Citizens Center, Auditorium, 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:

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

**Call to Order:** Chairman Patton called the December 16, 2013 meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to order and led in an Invocation.

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

**AGENDA**  
**Lincoln County Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
**Monday, December 16, 2013**  
**6:30 PM**

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

Call to Order

Invocation – Chairman Patton

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Consent Agenda
  - Tax Requests for Refunds - Annuals and Vehicle Refunds
  - November 4 - 17, 2013

- Budget Ordinance Amendment #3
  - Approval of Minutes
  - Capital Project Ordinance Amendment #4
  - Motor Vehicle Refunds - October 2013
3. Planning Board Recommendations - Randy Hawkins
  4. Public Hearing - Industrial Development Incentive Grant for Existing Industry and motion to adopt Resolution #2013-3: Resolution to Adopt Economic Incentive Grant Agreement- Kara Brown
  5. Public Hearing - Road Name Change - Rufus Road to Airlie Parkway
  6. Public Hearing - Road Name Change - Rufus Road to A C Sherrill Road
  7. Public Hearing - Proposed Road Name - Dola Ray Place
  8. Public Comments (15 minutes allowed per Rules of Procedure - 3 minutes per person)
  9. Motion to Award Eaglewood Phase 2 of the Airlie Business Park Water Line Extension Project in the amount of \$188,405 - Don Chamblee
  10. Resolution approving the County's purchase of the Finger property for the Borghetti project
  11. Motion to Approve the Boys and Girls Club Lease for Oaklawn School - Randy Williams
  12. Motion to Approve Award of Contract for VoIP Installation and Configuration To Katalyst Networking Group For \$116,718.00 and Motion to Approve Award of Contract for VoIP Hardware and Software To Katalyst Networking Group For \$430,979.39 - Dante' Patterson
  13. Finance Officer's Report - Deanna Rios
  14. County Manager's Report
  15. County Commissioners' Report
  16. County Attorney's Report
  17. Vacancies/Appointments
  18. Calendar
  19. Other Business
    - Register of Deeds Report
    - Property Tax Collection Report
  20. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11
    - (a) (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract

Adjourn

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

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

- Tax Requests for Refunds - Annuals and Vehicle Refunds
  - November 4 - 17, 2013
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**Recommendations from Planning Board:**

Randy Hawkins presented the following recommendations:

**PCUR #161 – Jean Turbyfill, applicant** (Parcel ID# 02322, 88251 and 88250) A request for a parallel conditional use rezoning of 2.6 acres from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to CU I-G (Conditional Use General Industrial) to permit a storage, picking, packing and shipping center, self-storage and related services. The property is located at 301 N. NC 16 Hwy., on the west side of N.C. 16 Business about 2,000 feet north of N.C. 73, in Catawba Springs Township.

The Planning Board voted 7-0 to recommend approval.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Klein, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness as presented by the Planning Board.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Mitchem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the PCUR #161 along with the findings of fact presented by the Planning Board.

**CUP #327 Strata Solar, LLC, applicant** (Parcel ID# 30199, 90500 and 90501) A request for a conditional use permit to establish a solar power generation facility in the R-SF (Residential Single-Family) district. The proposed 36-acre site is located on the north and south sides of Webbs Road at Burton Lane in Catawba Springs Township.

The Planning Board voted 4-4 to recommend approval with the following conditions:

- 1) A landscape buffer shall be provided as shown on the site plan dated 11/20/2013, except that: a) The evergreen shrubs shall be spaced a minimum of 10 feet apart in each row (staggered 5 feet apart). b) Thorny Elaeagnus shall be substituted for Chinese privet.
- 2) The plants shall be at least 4 feet in height at installation, with the exception that beginning at the Burton Lane corner near the point of interconnection and down to the corner behind the Rudy Sherrill property and the Roy Cochroft property then going west to the existing tree line, that the plants be at least 6 feet in height at installation.

- 3) The fencing shall be 7 feet in height, black vinyl-coated chain-link fence, with no barbed wire.
- 4) No electrical wires shall be placed overhead anywhere other than at the point of interconnection. All other lines shall be underground.
- 5) The property shall be inspected by the county at least quarterly. If plants need to be replaced or maintenance needs to be performed, notice shall be given to Strata Solar or its agents. They shall have 20 days from the notice to replace plants or perform maintenance or they would be in violation of the conditional use permit. In the case of drought or extreme heat, they shall have 5 days to request an extension.

Chairman Patton turned it over to Mr. Deaton, County Attorney, who presented the following information:

Mr. Deaton: A few items both for the Board of Commissioners and a few just kind of for the public and record. First, I neglected last meeting to elicit from Commissioner Martin, who is participating in this hearing and who was not present at the beginning of the hearing that Ms. Martin, as I understand it, has read all the transcripts from the September hearing. Is that correct Ms. Martin?

Commissioner Martin responded that this is correct.

Mr. Deaton: Next, I wanted to address a couple procedural questions that had been brought to my attention and some of the other employee's attention. There had been a question raised at the Planning Board level because the Chairman of the Planning Board had voted and the question was raised, should she vote because it is was not a tie vote. Lincoln County's Planning Board rules are a little different than some rules in that every member that is present is required to vote so Ms. Poinsette was in fact obligated to vote. Finally, just a clarification about the UDO and the Planning Board's recommendation, under the UDO and the definitions that I've reviewed a 4-4 vote will constitute a recommendation against the CUP so I need to advise that a 4-4 vote is a recommendation against. Just a few more things for the Board, it's the duty of the Board to remember the evidence as it's heard it, or in Ms. Martin's case has read it, and it is its duty to sift the evidence and to weigh the evidence and give it the credibility that each of you decides to give it. The initial burden was on the applicant to come forward with evidence, which taken as true, in other words assumed as true, would satisfy the elements required for the CUP and I would advise that there is evidence, if taken as true, would satisfy the elements of the CUP requirement. The burden then shifts to the opponents to provide evidence, which if taken as true, would disprove one or more of those elements of the CUP and I would also advise that there is such evidence that was brought by the opponents as well, therefore it is up to the Board as the finder of fact to sift the evidence and make its own factual determinations solely based on what appeared in the record. As you've done before, you have a duty to provide findings of fact in support of whichever way you rule. I have requested that counsel for Strata and counsel for the opponents provide proposed findings of fact, which I'm going to hand out in just a minute. In voting tonight and in preparing your own findings of fact, it's up to you, the Board, to find the facts, but you may, if you want to, adopt some or all of one sides or the others findings of fact, or you may come up with your own findings of fact. Finally, I'd advise the Board that since the

hearing is now closed; no further discussion or argument from the audience should be listened to or allowed. I will hand out the proposed findings each side has tendered to me.

Chairman Patton: While he is doing that, let me reiterate there will be no questions from the audience and please if there are any outbursts from the audience, we want to get through this, if there are any outbursts from the audience, we will have no choice but to remove people from the auditorium and we certainly do not want to do that, so let us get through this.

Chairman Patton: The Chair would ask that we take the findings of fact individually, if that's agreeable, the Chair would entertain a motion to express that thought.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Klein, the Board voted unanimously to take the findings of fact individually.

Application No. CUP #327

Applicant Strata Solar, LLC

Property Location Webbs Road at Burton Lane

Zoning District R-SF

Proposed Conditional Use solar power generation facility

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed according to plan.

Factual Reasons Cited: The facility will be built to code with all property fenced. The solar power generating facility will not produce any emissions and does not contain hazardous materials. The solar panels are said to degrade at a rate of 0.03% per year and will not be harmful.

A MOTION by Commissioner Klein that the Board accept the Planning Board's recommendation as the finding of fact #1 and vote in the affirmative. Unanimously approved (4-0 – Commissioner Mitchem recused from voting)

2. The use meets all required conditions and specifications. YES 8-0

Factual Reasons Cited: A solar power generating facility is a conditional use in the R-SF district and the plan meets the setback and buffer requirements of our zoning laws.

A MOTION by Commissioner Robinson to accept the Planning Board recommendation as the finding of fact #2 and vote in the affirmative. . Unanimously approved (4-0 – Commissioner Mitchem recused from voting)

3. The use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property unless the use is a public necessity.

Factual Reasons Cited: Solar farms are relatively new to zoning and we do not have enough evidence to find in the affirmative.

A MOTION by Commissioner Martin to approve the Planning Board's recommendation that it will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property unless the use is a public necessity.

Mr. Deaton asked if he could interrupt. He said that during this quasi-judicial proceeding, apparently there is some kind of a protest being made and to the extent that this affects any party's rights to this quasi-judicial hearing, I would recommend that the Board nip this.

Chairman Patton announced that all signs need to be down.

Discussion: Commissioner Klein said the Planning Board voted no on this finding, so he asked if this was a vote in the negative.

Commissioner Martin withdrew the motion.

A MOTION by Commissioner Klein to find in the negative as to finding number 3 based on a number of reasons and they would include, gathered from a variety of testimony and written documents given, that the properties in and along Burton Lane are outliers in terms of any data available across this country with respect to the number of households within a mile of the property in median value of those households and the median household income of those households within a mile. Further, the location represented appears to be in an area atypical of where solar farms are generally located. Finally, that the appraiser's from both sides agreed that there is currently no usable data with respect to solar farms and their proximity to upscale, residential single family homes.

VOTE: 3 – 1 AYES: Klein, Robinson, Patton  
NOES: Martin  
RECUSED: Mitchem

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.

**With the recommended conditions, the use will be in harmony and conformity.**

A MOTION by Commissioner Robinson to approve finding of fact #4 as presented by the Planning Board.

Commissioner Klein stated that his concern with finding of fact 4 is really threefold. First and foremost, our UDO defines a residential single family community as just that and only that. The

traditional single family homes ought to be there and only there. In the Land Use Plan in particular, there is guiding principle 1, which I think we fully support where infrastructure drives growth and this proposal does not drive growth in any way that I can determine so I would make a substitute motion that we find in the negative as to fact 4.

Mr. Deaton said the first motion has to be voted up or down before another motion is made.

Chairman Patton stated that his opinion is that it will not be in harmony, because it's butting right up against Sailview, right on that road front, so I don't think it will be in harmony with the area.

VOTE: 2 – 2 AYES: Robinson, Martin

NOES: Patton, Klein

Chairman Patton announced that the motion failed by a 2-2 vote.

A MOTION by Commissioner Klein to vote in the negative on finding of fact 4 based on guiding principle number 1 of the Land Use Plan and the UDO definition of residential single family.

VOTE: 2 – 2 AYES: Patton, Klein

NOES: Robinson, Martin

After having held a Public Hearing on September 9, November 4 and December 2, 2013, and in light of the Findings of Facts listed herein, the following action was taken by the Lincoln County Commissioners:

A MOTION by Commissioner Klein to deny the Conditional Use Permit based on the Findings of Fact.

Vote: 3 – 1 AYES: Robinson, Klein, Patton

NOES: Martin

Commissioner Mitchem said that to those people, the Planning Board especially and the Board of Commissioners, you just voted to approve something that could maybe be 10,000 times worse than what a solar farm would be so I hope the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners accepts that and if that happens, you will sleep good at night.

Chairman Patton called for a brief recess and then called the meeting back to order.

**Public Hearing – Industrial Development Incentive Grant for Existing Industry and motion to adopt Resolution #2013-3: Resolution to Adopt Economic Incentive Grant Agreement:** Kara Brown, Existing Business Manager with Lincoln Economic Development, presented the following:

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ECONOMIC INCENTIVE  
GRANT AGREEMENT WITH HYDAC TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION.**

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners verily believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Lincoln County to encourage and support economic development within Lincoln County through the recruitment of new industries to the County and the expansion of existing industries in the County; and

WHEREAS, Hydac Technology Corporation, has developed plans for expansion of their manufacturing facility in Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to encourage such development by means of offering incentives to aid in such efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Lincoln County Incentive Grant Agreement (attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference) among Lincoln County, Hydac Technology Corporation.

2. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of Lincoln County in order to effectuate this transaction.



3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

This 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

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Alex Patton, Chairman  
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Amy Atkins, Clerk to the Board

## **LINCOLN COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT**

NORTH CAROLINA

LINCOLN COUNTY

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013, by and between LINCOLN COUNTY, a body corporate and politic (hereinafter referred to as “the County”), and Hydac Technology Corporation, a Pennsylvania corporation (hereinafter referred to as “Hydac”).

### **WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, Hydac has developed plans for the construction of an up-grade of an existing facility and installation of manufacturing equipment in Lincoln County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County verily believes that the location of new industries and the expansion of existing industries is vital to the economic health of Lincoln County and to the welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to encourage such development by means of offering incentives to recruit new industries and to aid in expansion of existing industries; and

WHEREAS, such incentives are predicated on the notion of expanding Lincoln County’s tax base and providing additional jobs for Lincoln County’s citizens that pay wages higher than the current prevailing average hourly wage in the particular industry; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is appropriate and in the best interests of Lincoln County and its citizens to offer incentives in the form of both cash grants and

assistance with making public services available; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believes that it is appropriate and reasonable to expect Hydac to bind itself to the County to produce certain results in conjunction with the project described herein as conditions of the incentives being offered by the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein set forth, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. On or before April 1, 2014, Hydac shall begin up-grade of an existing manufacturing facility and installation of equipment and machinery in Lincoln County, North Carolina.
2. Within two years of the effective date of this agreement (said effective date being referred in item 1.), Hydac shall make an investment upon such site in (building/land and/or machinery and equipment of \$6,500,000, (the expected capital investment) of which \$5,450,000 will qualify for incentives under the Lincoln County Industrial Incentive Grant Policy.
3. Within two years of the effective date of this agreement, Hydac shall provide at such site at least 5 new jobs paying average hourly wages of \$12.50.
4. In consideration of the performance of the aforesaid obligations by Hydac, the County will provide cash grants to Hydac of \$24,443.25 per year for a five-year period. Lincoln County will pay such grants beginning in the tax year after the project's completion. Grants will be paid to Hydac within 30 days after Hydac has made its tax payment for the then-current year and has notified Lincoln Economic Development Association of the payment. This amount represents a Level II grant under the Lincoln County Industrial Development Incentive Grant Policy for New and Existing Industries.
5. Hydac shall on a no less than annual basis provide evidence satisfactory to the County of how many jobs (as provided in Paragraph 3 herein) it has maintained.
6.
  - a. In the event that the value of the investment actually made by Hydac pursuant to this agreement is greater or less than the Expected Capital Investment then the grant will be equitably adjusted upward or downward on a pro-rata basis.
  - b. In the event that the number of people in qualifying jobs actually employed by Hydac pursuant to this Agreement in any year during the term of the Agreement is fewer than the Expected Number of Jobs, then the County may, in its discretion, reduce the amount of the Grant to be paid for the year (or seek reimbursement for the Grant already paid for said year) in the amount of \$1,000.00 per job shortfall.
7. Hydac specifically agrees that in the event that all or any portion of this agreement or any incentive grant or payment to be made hereunder is declared to be unconstitutional, illegal, or otherwise enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction, Hydac shall indemnify and hold harmless Lincoln County and its Board of Commissioners, individually and collectively, from any loss or liability and shall reimburse Lincoln County by the amount of any such grant or payment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals as of the day and year first above written.

Hydac

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

LINCOLN COUNTY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alex E. Patton, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Amy S. Atkins  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Klein, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #2013-30: Resolution to Adopt Economic Incentive Grant Agreement with Hydac.

**Public Hearing – Road Name Change – Rufus Road to Airlie Parkway:** Netta Anderson, Addressing Technician with the Tax Department, presented the following:

Proposed Road Name Change – Airlie Parkway

This road (formerly a portion of Rufus Road) is located off of Optimist Club Road. The road requires renaming due to the fact that Lincoln Economic Development Association has submitted a plat for Airlie Park Phase III, which requires the connection of a new roadway under construction to the current Rufus Road. The proposed road name change is Airlie Parkway. The name is not a duplicate or sound-alike and has been approved by the Addressing Department.

Chairman Patton opened the public hearing. No one spoke during the public hearing, which was then closed by Chairman Patton.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Martin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the road name change from Rufus Road to Airlie Parkway.

**Public Hearing – Road Name Change – Rufus Road to A C Sherrill Road:** Netta Anderson, Addressing Technician with the Tax Department, presented the following:

Proposed Road Name Change – A C Sherrill Road

This road (formerly a portion of Rufus Road) is located off of Optimist Club Road. The road requires renaming due to the fact that the Lincoln Economic Development Association has submitted a Plat for Airlie Park Phase III, which requires the connection of a new roadway under construction to the current Rufus Road. The proposed road name change is A C Sherrill Road. The name is not a duplicate or sound-alike and has been approved by the Addressing Department.

Chairman Patton opened the public hearing. No one spoke during the public hearing, which was then closed by Chairman Patton.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Martin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the road name change from Rufus Road to A C Sherrill Road.

**Public Hearing – Proposed Road Name – Dola Ray Place:** Netta Anderson, Addressing Technician with the Tax Department, presented the following:

Proposed Road Name: Dola Ray Place

This road is located off of Lowesville Lane. The road requires naming due to the fact that there have been some concerns expressed to the Addressing Department in regards to the name of this new state road (State Road Number 2130) added by NCDOT to its roadway system. The proposed road name is Dola Ray Place. The name is not a duplicate or sound-alike and has been approved by the Addressing Department.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Martin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the road name of Dola Ray Place.

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

Robert Avery, 843 Newton Lane, Lincolnton, spoke concerning organization and reorganization of the County Commissioners.

Being no speakers, Chairman Patton closed public comments.

**Motion to Award Eaglewood Phase 2 of the Airlie Business Park Water Line Extension Project in the amount of \$188,405:** Don Chamblee presented the following:

Lincoln County Public Works is seeking approval of the change to complete Phase 2 of the Airlie Business Park's Water Line in the amount of \$177,095.00 and 180 LF of 24" steel casing which is needed, in the amount of \$10,500.00. The total construction cost is \$188,405.00 and is set out in Eagle Wood's proposal dated December 4, 2013.

The approval of this change order will cut any potential future costs for bidding, permitting and erosion control. It will maintain the schedule for the completion of the project. It will allow water line casings to be installed under the road before paving.

Airlie Business Park is located in the eastern portion of Lincoln County and is being developed by Lincoln County in conjunction with the Lincoln County Economic Development. The modification and extension of the water line into Airlie Business Park will help promote economic growth opportunities for the citizens of Lincoln County.

Mr. Chamblee requested that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Chairman of the Board to approve the proposal to award Eagle Wood the contract to continue with the construction of Phase 2 of the water line. The total amount of the proposal is \$188,405.00.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to award Eaglewood Phase 2 of the Airlie Business Park Water Line Extension Project in the amount of \$188,405.

**Motion to Approve the Boys and Girls Club Lease for Oaklawn School:** Randy Williams presented the following:

Lincoln County is in the process of the renovation of the former Oaklawn School building. The proposed tenant for this property is the Lincoln County Chapter of the Boys & Girls Club of America. The proposed 10-year lease for the Boys & Girls Club is to occupy the facility and requires maintenance of the property, work with community for access during non-operational hours, and used only for Boys & Girls Club related functions. The lease was prepared by Attorney Wesley Deaton.

The Board questioned maintenance on the building, maintenance on the roof, the dollar amount of the lease and the term.

Mr. Deaton stated that on this lease, the County would be responsible for the repairs and maintenance of the roof.

**A MOTION** by Commissioner Klein to approve the lease to the Boys and Girls Club as presented contingent on the Board seeing and approving the contract and notice to proceed.

**VOTE:** Unanimously approved.

**Motion to Approve Award of Contract for VoIP Installation and Configuration to Katalyst Networking Group for \$430,979.39:** Dante' Patterson presented the following:

It is recommended that the Board approve the award of contract with Katalyst Network Group for the purchase of Hardware and Software for the County Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Project. The Hardware and Software Project includes purchase and delivery of all required hardware and software required to build and maintain an independent VoIP system for Lincoln County Government. This recommendation accompanies a similar recommendation to award purchase of the installation and configuration for the project. Funding for this project will be debt financed which was approved by the board during the last fiscal year's budget process. Although this is a single year project; debt financing and depreciation will be over a period of five years. The expected lifespan of this system will be over seven plus years. Cost for this portion of the project is estimated to be \$430,979.39.

He reviewed the cost savings for Lincoln County by switching to the VoIP system.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Martin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the award of the contract for VoIP Installation and Configuration to Katalyst Networking Group for \$430,979.39.

**Motion to Approve Award of Contract for VoIP Installation and Configuration to Katalyst Networking Group for \$116,718.00:** Dante' Patterson presented the following:

It is recommended that the Board approve the award of contract with Katalyst Network Group for the installation and configuration of the new Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Project. The Installation and Configuration Project includes installation of all hardware and software required to build and maintain an independent VoIP system for Lincoln County Government. This recommendation accompanies a similar recommendation to award purchase of the hardware and software for the project. Funding for this project will be debt financed which was approved by the Board during the last fiscal year's budget process. Although this is a single year project; debt financing and depreciated will be over a period of five years. The expected lifespan of this system will be over seven plus years. Costs for this portion of the project are estimated to be \$116,718.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the award of contract for VoIP Installation and Configuration to Katalyst Networking Group for \$116,718.00.

**Finance Officer's Report:** Deanna Rios presented the Finance Officer's Report.

**County Manager's Report:** Nothing reported.

**County Attorney's Report:** Nothing reported.

**County Commissioners' Report:**

**Vacancies/Appointments:** Nothing reported

**Closed Session:** UPON MOTION by Commissioner Klein, the Board voted unanimously to enter Closed Session pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11 (a) (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease

The Board returned to open session and Chairman Patton announced that no action was taken in closed session.

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