



# COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA

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**Residents of Lincoln County  
The Board of County Commissioners  
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**Maintaining the fiscal strength and stability of the County government is a primary goal of the Board of County Commissioners. This Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of Lincoln County, North Carolina, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, reflects the achievement of that goal. Each year this document is prepared to provide you with details about how the County receives, spends and accounts for its money as well as key indicators of its financial strength. The County's Finance Department prepares the CAFR, and responsibility for the accuracy of the data, the completeness and fairness of the presentation and all disclosures rests with the County. We believe the data and presentations are fair and accurate and that you will find everything necessary in this document to gain an understanding of the County's financial activities over the last fiscal year. Because the cost of internal control should not exceed anticipated benefits, the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatements. The financial statements and supplemental schedules contained herein have been audited by the independent, certified public accounting firm of Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs and that firm's unqualified opinion is included in the Financial Section of this report.**

**The independent audit of the financial statements was part of a broader, federally mandated "Single Audit" designed to meet the special needs of federal grantor agencies. Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the County's internal controls and compliance with legal requirements, with emphasis on administration of federal grants.**

**We are also presenting a Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) as an introduction to the financial information. This section immediately follows the auditor's opinion and provides an overview and analysis of the County's significant transactions in fiscal year 2006 to aid readers in understanding their financial impact and relationship to the financial statements and schedules provided. This section is presented to comply with significant changes in governmental accounting standards in an attempt to provide more meaningful information to our readers and to demonstrate the County's accountability for its financial actions. This letter of transmittal is written to complement the MD&A.**