

**MINUTES**  
**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021**

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met on February 15, 2021, at the Commissioners Room, Administration Building, 353 N. Generals Blvd, Lincolnton, the regular place of meeting at 6:30 PM.

Commissioners Present:

Carrol Mitchem, Chairman  
Milton Sigmon, Vice-Chairman  
Anita McCall  
Bud Cesena  
Cathy Davis

Others Present:

Kelly G. Atkins, County Manager  
Wesley Deaton, County Attorney  
Josh Grant, Programs Manager  
Amy S. Atkins, Clerk to the Board

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

**AGENDA**  
**Lincoln County Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
**Monday, February 15, 2021**  
**6:30 PM**

**Lincoln County Administration Office**  
**353 N. Generals Blvd**  
**Lincolnton, NC 28092**

Call to Order – Chairman Mitchem

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2021
- b. Tax Requests for Refunds – December 21, 2020 – January 4, 2021
- c. Tax Request for Releases- December 16, 2020 – January 15, 2021
- d. Performance Guarantee Extension – Carolina Ridge (Trilogy at Lake Norman) Parcel A – Map 2
- e. Performance Guarantee Extension – Carolina Ridge (Trilogy at Lake Norman) Parcel A – Map 3
- f. Performance Guarantee Extension – Carolina Ridge (Trilogy at Lake Norman) Parcel BC – Hemlock Bluff Ct.
- g. Resolution #2021-6: A Resolution Awarding Service Weapon to Retired Sheriff Barbara Pickens

2a. Covid Update – Davin Madden

3. Public Hearing – Road Name – Rivercross Point Dr. – Netta Anderson
4. Public Hearing – Road Name – Beckstead Ct – Netta Anderson
5. Public Hearing – Road Name – Fallondale Ct. – Netta Anderson
6. Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Building Reuse Grant for an Existing Industry – Project Chef - John Dancoff
7. Sheriff’s Department Request that Position #2340 1st Sergeant be changed in Position Control to a Deputy Sheriff Detective and revised in the Budget Ordinance at a later date – Candy Burgin and Sheriff Beam
8. 2021-2022 Healthcare Renewal Plan Options – Mark Browder
9. Lincoln County Community Child Protection/Fatality Prevention Team 2020 Annual Report – Sherry Reinhart, Chair
10. Stormwater Ordinance Proposal – Andrew Bryant and Patty Dellinger
11. Resolution to seek funding from North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Community Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant (NCDEQ CWRAR) – Don Chamblee
- ~~12. Utility Rate Discussion – Don Chamblee~~
13. Public Comments
14. Finance Officer’s Report
15. County Manager’s Report

16. County Commissioners' Report

17. County Attorney's Report

18. Vacancies/Appointments

19. Other Business

Information only – no action needed

- Register of Deeds Report
- Property Tax Collection Report

Adjourn

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Sigmon, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda removing Item 12.

**Consent Agenda:** **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner McCall, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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**Covid Update:** Davin Madden presented a Covid update saying there have been 8449 total cases in Lincoln County, with 214 active, 8167 recovered and 68 deaths. Of the deaths in Lincoln County, 85% are residents 65 years and older. He spoke about the vaccine and said the Health Department has administered over 3300 vaccines.

Commissioner Cesena praised the Health Department for the drive thru vaccine clinic in Denver. Commissioner Sigmon commended the Health Department saying he has heard rave reviews about the drive thru clinics. Chairman Mitchem said he witnessed the vaccine clinic at Hulls

Grove and it was very well organized. Commissioner McCall said she received emails of praise concerning the vaccine clinics.

Mr. Madden thanked the community partners for their assistance.

**Public Hearing – Road Name – Rivercross Point Dr.:** Janet Spears presented information concerning the road name Rivercross Point Drive.

Chairman Mitchem opened the public hearing concerning Rivercross Point Dr. Being no speakers, Chairman Mitchem closed the public hearing.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner McCall, the Board voted unanimously to approve the road name Rivercross Point Dr.

**Public Hearing – Road Name – Beckstead Ct.:** Janet Spears presented information concerning the road name Beckstead Ct..

Chairman Mitchem opened the public hearing concerning Beckstead Ct. Being no speakers, Chairman Mitchem closed the public hearing.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Cesena, the Board voted unanimously to approve the road name Beckstead Ct.

**Public Hearing – Road Name – Fallondale Ct.:** Janet Spears presented information concerning the road name Fallondale Ct.

Chairman Mitchem opened the public hearing concerning Fallondale Ct.. Being no speakers, Chairman Mitchem closed the public hearing.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Davis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the road name Fallondale Ct.

**Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Building Reuse Grant for an Existing Industry – Project Chef:** John Dancoff presented the Resolution for the Board’s approval.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner McCall, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Building Reuse Grant for an Existing Industry – Project Chef.

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for the  
North Carolina Department of Commerce  
Building Reuse Program  
**“Project Chef Building Reuse”**

**WHEREAS**, The North Carolina General Assembly has authorized funds to stimulate economic development and job creation in distressed areas through constructing critical water and wastewater facilities, addressing technology needs, renovating vacant buildings, and implementing research and demonstration projects, and

**WHEREAS**, the County has need for and intends to assist in the expansion of an existing building in a project described as the "Project Chef Building Reuse"; and

**WHEREAS**, the County intends to request funding assistance of \$150,000 from the North Carolina Department of Commerce from its Building Reuse Program for the project. The project business plans to construct a 28,750 addition to its existing facility at a cost of \$1,676,250. Investment in new equipment will be \$1,550,000 with the creation of twenty seven new jobs in two years and fifty two jobs in five years;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

That the County is in full support of the application and the project, if funding is received, and

That the County and the project business will arrange for a local cash match of at least 5% of the grant amount to be used for planning and grant administration, and

That the County has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to the grants pertaining thereto, and that Kelly Atkins, County Manager, is authorized to execute any additional documents pertaining to the grant application as requested by the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

Adopted this the 15th day of February 2021 in Lincolnton, North Carolina.

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Carroll D. Mitchem, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Amy Atkins, Clerk

(Seal)

**Sheriff's Department Request that Position #2340 1st Sergeant be changed in Position Control to a Deputy Sheriff Detective and revised in the Budget Ordinance at a later date:**

Candy Burgin and Sheriff Bill Beam presented the request to change Position #2340 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant be changed in position control to a Deputy Sheriff Detective and revise in the Budget Ordinance at a later date.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Sigmon, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Sheriff's Department Request that Position #2340 1st Sergeant be changed in Position Control to a Deputy Sheriff Detective and revised in the Budget Ordinance at a later date.

**2021-2022 Healthcare Renewal Plan Options:** Mark Browder presented the 2021-22 Healthcare renewal plan options. He said after a difficult 2019-2020 plan year, the Medical Plan is in a positive budget position for the first half of 2020-2021. Claims are trending well and high claimants are down. The proposed renewal delivers a below normal trend opportunity. There is a narrow network solution being recommended as an option for employees that could deliver substantial savings to the participants. The Wellness Programs are working and there are new options available.

As an option, BCBSNC has negotiated a narrow network option in the Lincoln County and Charlotte area in partnership with Atrium Health, referred to as Blue Local. Blue Local delivers up to a 15% discount to the County and the membership. Blue Local with Atrium Health is a point-of-service (POS) product, which is a type of Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) with in-network and out-of-network benefits. Members gain access to the doctors, specialists and hospitals within Atrium Health. The theory is, a system-centered network lends itself to more coordinated care. Since all Atrium Health doctors and hospitals are in-network and in the local community, out-of-pocket costs are lower and care is easier to access. You also have access to care that is out of network, but you have to pay more out of pocket.

A medical weight management program will be offered to members that meet certain criteria.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Sigmon, the Board voted unanimously to approve Option 1 as presented and \$569,549.98 coming from the reserve in healthcare fund.

**Lincoln County Community Child Protection/Fatality Prevention Team 2020 Annual Report:** Sherry Reinhart, Chair, presented the 2020 Annual Report from the Lincoln County Community Child Protection/Fatality Prevention Team.

**Stormwater Ordinance Proposal:** Andrew Bryant and Patty Dellinger presented the Stormwater Ordinance Proposal.

Commissioner Cesena thanked everyone who worked on the proposed Stormwater Ordinance.

Commissioner Sigmon said he thought it would be best to have a work session to discuss the proposed Stormwater Ordinance. The Board set a work session for Monday, March 1 at 4:00 PM at the Citizens Center.

**Resolution to seek funding from North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Community Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant (NCDEQ CWRAR):** Don Chamblee presented the Resolution for the Board's approval.

Lincoln County Public Works is requesting that the Board of Commissioners approve the application for a NCDEQ CWRAR Grant. Lincoln County Solid Waste is applying for the NCDEQ CWRAR Grant for 2021 for \$30,000 to go towards recycling compactor expenses for the Webbs Road Convenience site. The compactor will help Lincoln County Solid Waste efficiently and effectively collect a much larger quantity of cardboard recycling in Lincoln County. The compactor will be able to collect 50% more cardboard at the Webbs Road Site. This grant will assist in the payment of recycling collection improvements here in Lincoln County

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Cesena, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution to seek funding from North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Community Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant (NCDEQ CWRAR)

**Public Comments:** Chairman Mitchem opened Public Comments. Being no speakers, Chairman Mitchem closed Public Comments

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

**County Manager's Report:** Kelly Atkins reported that budget meetings continue. He reminded the Board of a joint workshop with the Board of Education on February 25 at 6:00 PM.

**Appointments:** **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Cesena, the Board voted unanimously to make appointments

1. **ABC Board**
  - Reappoint George Sain
2. **Board of Adjustment**
  - Reappoint Isabelle Roman Bario
  - Reappoint Tom Campbell
  - Move Jeff Younce from Alternate to Regular member
  - Appoint James Martin as Alternate

3. **Library Board**

- Reappoint Rebecca Wentworth
- Reappoint Laurie Sellers
- Reappoint Wanda Hallman

4. **Community Friends Corporation**

- Reappoint Bill Piersol
- Reappoint Wayne Mitchem
- Reappoint Mike Owen
- Reappoint Rene Bess

5. **Ag District Advisory Board**

- John Beam IV
- Gary Davis
- Gary MacGibbon

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

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Amy S. Atkins, Clerk  
Board of Commissioners

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Carrol Mitchem, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners