

MINUTES
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met on January 11, 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, January 11, 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 – January 4, 2021
 - b. VTS Refunds – December
 - c. Tax Request for Releases- November 16 – December 15, 2020

3. Planning Board Recommendations – Randy Hawkins
4. Centralina Regional Council Update – Geraldine Gardner
5. Keep Lincoln County Beautiful Annual Report – Patty Korn
- ~~6. Lincoln County Schools NCDPI Facility Needs Survey – Dr. Aaron Allen~~
- 6a. Chromebook Discussion
7. Public Comments
8. Finance Officer’s Report
9. County Manager’s Report
10. County Commissioners’ Report
11. County Attorney’s Report
12. Vacancies/Appointments
13. Other Business
 - Information only – no action needed
 - Register of Deeds Report
 - Property Tax Collection Report
14. Closed Session

Adjourn

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UPON MOTION by Commissioner Sigmon, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda removing Item 6.

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

Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes – January 4, 2021
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Planning Board Recommendations:

CUP #432 Rebecca Smith, applicant (Parcel ID# 51678) 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 6630 Denver Industrial Park Road in Catawba Springs Township.

The Planning Board voted 5-1 to recommend approval.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Sigmon, the Board voted unanimously to approve the findings of fact as submitted by the Planning Board.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Sigmon, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #432 – Rebecca Smith, applicant, based on the findings of fact approved by the Planning Board.

CUP #433 Ransford Properties, LLC, applicant (Parcel ID# 33796) A request for a conditional use permit to place a Class B (doublewide) manufactured home in the R-S (Residential Suburban) district. The 0.47-acre parcel is located on the south side of Wrenn Drive about 250 feet east of Killian Street/Canada Lane in Catawba Springs Township.

The Planning Board voted 6-0 to recommend approval.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Cesena, the Board voted unanimously to approve the findings of fact as submitted by the Planning Board.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Cesena, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #433 – Ransford Properties, LLC, applicant, based on the findings of fact approved by the Planning Board.

CUP #434 Winston Conrad, applicant (Parcel ID# 19393) A request for a conditional use permit to place a Class B (doublewide) manufactured home in the R-S (Residential Suburban) district. The 1.0-acre parcel is located on the north side of Bynum Road about 1,100 feet west of Gastonia Highway in Lincolnton Township.

The Planning Board voted 6-0 to recommend approval.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner McCall, the Board voted unanimously to approve the findings of fact as submitted by the Planning Board.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner McCall, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #434 – Winston Conrad, applicant, based on the findings of fact approved by the Planning Board.

CUP #435 CMH Homes, Inc., applicant (Parcel ID# 24173) A request for a conditional use permit to place a Class B (doublewide) manufactured home in the R-S (Residential Suburban) district. The 1.46-acre parcel is located on the north side of Car Farm Road about 900 feet east of Horseshoe Lake Road.

The Planning Board voted 6-0 to recommend approval.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner McCall, the Board voted unanimously to approve the findings of fact as submitted by the Planning Board.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner McCall, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #435 – CMH Homes, Inc., applicant, based on the findings of fact approved by the Planning Board.

ZMA #677 Oakwood Homes of Newton, applicant (Parcel ID# 28273) A request to rezone a 1.3-acre lot from R-SF (Residential-Single Family) to R-T (Transitional Residential). The property is located on Sherrod Lane at Waterfalls Drive about 150 feet east of Buffalo Shoals Road in Ironton Township.

The Planning Board voted 6-0 to recommend approval.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Cesena, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness as submitted by the Planning Board.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Cesena, the Board voted unanimously to approve ZMA #677 – Oakwood Homes of Newton, applicant, based on the recommendation of the Planning Board and the Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness.

CZ #2021-2 Mark Phinney and Fred Lanier, applicants (Parcel ID# 00364) A request to rezone a 2.86-acre lot from R-S (Residential Suburban) to CZ B-G (Conditional Zoning General Business) to permit vehicle service and vehicle sales. The property is located at 4588 Reepsville Road, on the north side of Reepsville Road about 600 feet east of Jetton Drive, in Howards Creek Township.

The Planning Board voted 6-0 to recommend approval

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Cesena, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness as submitted by the Planning Board.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Cesena, the Board voted unanimously to approve CZ #2021-2 Mark Phinney and Fred Lanier, applicant, based on the recommendation of the Planning Board and the Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness.

Centralina Regional Council Update: Geraldine Gardner gave an update from Centralina Regional Council.

Centralina's mission is to lead regional collaboration and spark local action to expand opportunity and improve quality of life. Their approach is service, connection, collaboration, and innovation. They are involved with regional problem solving, local government support, and innovative service delivery. Member benefits and services, tailored to meet the unique needs of members, include training and leadership development (CentralinaLearns), grant assistance, technical assistance services, data and information, and federal and state advocacy. A new online member portal is now available.

Keep Lincoln County Beautiful Annual Report: Patty Korn presented the annual report for Keep Lincoln County Beautiful highlighting 2020 activities and accomplishments.

The Board thanked Patty for her dedication and expressed their great appreciation for what she does.

Chromebook Discussion: Dr. Aaron Allen, Interim Superintendent for Lincoln County Schools, presented a request for the purchase of additional chromebooks, due to delay in delivery of the devices. The current price per unit will be around \$351.52, but may come down. Based on the original MOU plan, they will purchase 20% replacement each year to that the devices are replaced at the 5 year mark and purchase of 10% replacement for lost, stolen damage, etc. They will not be buying the 10% replacement for next year since the current year devices have not been delivered.

There was a discussion concerning the purchase the variables involved with the purchase.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Cesena, the Board voted unanimously to give \$1,306,599 million to Lincoln County Schools as capital dollars for the purchase of chromebooks and if it is necessary to put some on the shelf for the future use.

Public Comments: Chairman Mitchem opened Public Comments.

Andrew Bryant thanked Centralina, Keep Lincoln County Beautiful and Patty Korn and Lincoln County Schools for all working together.

Mark Mullen, Board of Education Chairman, thanked the Board for their support.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Mitchem closed Public Comments

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

County Manager's Report: Kelly Atkins thanked the Board for the budget meeting on Friday. He said there will a meeting on February 2, 2021 at 3:00 PM with the Board of Education on the budget process and also a budget workshop with the Board of Education on February 25, 2021.

County Commissioners' Report: Commissioner Cesena said all the Commissioners have received a lot of phone calls and emails about the Health Department and vaccines. He said the bottom line is the State of NC is changing the way we have to do business daily. He said Davin Madden and his staff are doing the best they can to make sure the citizens get the services they need. He asked for patience and understanding in the process.

Appointments: UPON MOTION by Commissioner Cesena, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Kim Zickefoose to the Board of Health as the Registered Nurse, Travis Sinclair to the Recreation Commission and Commissioner Cathy Davis to the Centralina Board.

Closed Session: UPON MOTION by Commissioner Sigmon, 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; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.

(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.

The Board returned to open session and Chairman Mitchem announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Cesena, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner McCall as the representative to the Senior Services Board and Commissioner Davis as the representative on the Board of Health.

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

Amy S. Atkins, Clerk
Board of Commissioners

Carrol Mitchem, Chairman
Board of Commissioners