

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners Water Workshop

October 2, 2002, 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner's Room, 3rd Floor, 115 W. Main Street, Lincolnton, NC

ATTENDING: Chairman Jerry Cochrane, Commissioner Beth Saine, Commissioner Larry Craig, Commissioner Tom Anderson, Commissioner David Choate, County Manager Stan Kiser, and Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board, Steve Gilbert, Director of Public Utilities, and Chris Henderson,

Neighborhood Water Extension Policy:

Steve Gilbert presented examples of the Utility Extension Policy for the following communities using different criteria: Roseland Heights Community, Philadelphia Church Road (off Salem Church Road), Cloudburst Circle (off Horseshoe Lake Road), Morris Lane Community (off Unity Church Road), and Hidden Valley Subdivision.

Commissioner Craig suggested and the Board discussed a possible water bond to cover the cost of getting water lines run. Fifty percent of the revenue from the additional sale of water would go toward paying for these bonds. Plant expansion was also discussed. The Board discussed revising the extension policy with the assumption that the bond would be passed.

The criteria for the policy was discussed, including changing the payback times or allowing homeowners to pay for part of the costs to make the payback period in the allowable range.

The Board was in agreement for staff to take and work on the extension policy criteria for prioritizing requests based on date submitted. Staff will provide the revised extension policy by the second meeting in October.

Payment plans were discussed and it was decided that extended payment plans need to have something with teeth to ensure payment.

System Improvements – Long Range Planning:

Steve Gilbert reviewed the capital improvement projects for east, central, and west Lincoln. He also discussed future system interconnects.

Financing of Improvements

The Board discussed a \$7.5 million bond package with all the payback coming from user fees – none from taxes.

Other Business

Jeff Taylor stated that Summit Contractors, the successor in interest to the developers of Riverwalk Apartments, are offering a bond of \$37,420 to cover the costs of tap fees so they can get a final inspection. The reason for the bond is to substitute temporarily for the cash payment of the same amount, which is tied up in the bank proceedings of Katemorre Properties, LLC.

Commissioner Anderson questioned if this is the property with the fines against the County. He suggested there also be a bond for the \$3,000 in fines.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to approve the bonds.

Adjourn

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.