

MINUTES
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners and the Planning Board met in a joint session on January 8, 2018, at the Citizens Center, Commissioners Room, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting at 6:30 PM.

Commissioners Present:

Bill Beam, Chair
Anita McCall, Vice Chair
Martin Oakes
Carrol Mitchem
Richard Permenter

Planning Board Members Present:

Dr. Crystal Mitchem, Chair
Todd Burgin, Vice-Chair
Floyd Dean, Secretary
Matt Burton
Matt Fortune
Keith Gaskill
Jamie Houser
John Marino
Milton Sigmon

Others Present:

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

Call to Order: Chairman Beam called the meeting to order. He led in a Moment of Silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

AGENDA
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2018
6:30 PM

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

Call to Order - Chairman Beam

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Consent Agenda
 - VTS Refunds
 - Surplus Property
3. Zoning Public Hearings - Randy Hawkins

CUP #373 Jeremy Wallace, applicant (Parcel ID# 27710) A request for a conditional use permit to place a Class B (doublewide) manufactured home in the R-S (Residential Suburban) district. The 10.4-acre parcel is located at 2154 Ellen Finger Trail, at the end of Ellen Finger Trail about 750 feet north of Car Farm Road, in Ironton Township.

ZMA #643 Jason Owen and Allan Carswell, applicants (Parcel ID# 30226 and 84887) A request to rezone 1.8 acres from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to R-SF (Residential Single-Family). The property is located at 3673 N. NC 16 Business Hwy., on the south side of N.C. 16 Business about 500 feet east of Saint James Church Road, in Catawba Springs Township.

ZMA #644 Mary Hunter Key, applicant (Parcel ID# 34190) A request to rezone 20.6 acres from R-T (Transitional Residential) to R-SF (Residential Single-Family.) The property is located about 1,200 feet west of Little Egypt Road and 3,200 feet north of N.C. 73 in Catawba Springs Township.

ZMA #645 Mark and Angela McClure et al (Parcel ID# 74253 and 94029) A request to rezone 2.5 acres from R-SF (Residential Single-Family) to R-R (Rural Residential). The property is located on the east side of Mount Zion Church Road about 1,200 feet southwest of Sadler Road in Ironton Township.

CZ #2018-1 First Class Autos, Inc., applicant (Parcel ID# 75925) A request to rezone 0.78 acre from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to CZ B-G (Conditional Zoning General Business) to permit vehicle sales and vehicle service. The property is located at 1598 N. NC 16 Hwy., on the east side of N.C. 16 Business about 750 feet north of Smith Harbour Drive, in Catawba Springs Township.

CZ #2018-2 Ron Barbagli, applicant (Parcel ID# 30999) A request to rezone 0.84 acre from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to CZ I-G (Conditional Zoning General Industrial) to permit vehicle sales and vehicle repair. The property is located at 422 N. NC 16 Hwy., on the east side of N.C. 16 Business and west side of North Pilot Knob Road, in Catawba Springs Township.

UDO Proposed Amendments #2018-1 Lincoln County Planning Board, applicant. A proposal to amend Section 2.4.5.C of the Lincoln County Unified Development Ordinance to reduce the minimum lot size in the R-T, R-S and R-SF districts to 22,500 square feet if public water or public sewer is available and if an improvement permit for a septic system, or a well permit if public sewer is available and not public water, is obtained from Lincoln County Environmental Health for each proposed lot.

UDO Proposed Amendment #2018-2 Lincoln County Planning and Inspections Department, applicant. A proposal to amend Section 4.6.2.C.2 of the Lincoln County Unified Development Ordinance to state that a residential accessory structure may be located in the road yard provided it is set back a minimum of 100 feet from the edge of the road right-of-way.

4. Resolution #2018-1: Resolution Conditionally Supporting the Donation of Property to the Lincoln County Board of Education - Andrew Bryant
5. Discussion of Sewer Allocation Policy - Don Chamblee
6. Acceptance of The Petco Foundation grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$75,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 - Hannah Beaver
7. Approval of Contract with County Manager
8. Public Comments (15 minutes allowed per Rules of Procedure – 3 minutes per person)
9. Other Business
 - Appointment of Bridgette Lutz to Ag District Advisory Board

Adjourn

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

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

Consent Agenda

- VTS Refunds
- Surplus Property

New Business/Advertised Public Hearings: Mr. Wesley Deaton gave information on the zoning cases and asked if any Board member has had ex parte communication on the Conditional Use Permits.

CUP #373 Jeremy Wallace, applicant: Mr. Randy Hawkins presented the following:

The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to place a Class B manufactured

home in the R-S (Residential Suburban) district. A Class B manufactured home is a doublewide that meets the Unified Development Ordinance's appearance standards. Under the UDO, a Class B manufactured home may be placed in the R-S district subject to the issuance of a conditional use permit.

SITE AREA AND DESCRIPTION

The 10.4-acre parcel is located at 2154 Ellen Finger Trail, at the end of Ellen Finger Trail about 750 feet north of Car Farm Road, in Ironton Township. It is adjoined on all sides by property zoned R-S. Land uses in this area are primarily residential and include site-built houses and manufactured homes. This property is part of an area designated by the Lincoln County Land Use Plan as residential.

Chairman Beam opened the public hearing concerning CUP #373 – Jeremy Wallace, applicant.

Jeremy Wallace, applicant, stated that he would like to place a doublewide to be placed in the center of 10.4 acres, which will not be seen by anyone. He incorporated his proposed findings of fact into his testimony.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Beam closed the public hearing.

ZMA #643 Jason Owen and Allan Carswell, applicants:

The applicants are requesting the rezoning of 1.8 acres from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to R-SF (Residential Single-Family).

Site Area & Description

The property is located at 3673 N. NC 16 Business Hwy., on the south side of N.C. 16 Business about 500 feet east of Saint James Church Road. A house is located on the front parcel and is being used as a residence. An easement across the front parcel provides access to the rear parcel. This property was subdivided into two lots in 2005 as a family subdivision and is still owned by family members. This property is adjoined by property zoned B-N and R-SF. Land uses in the area included business, residential and institutional (elementary school). This property is part of an area designated by the Lincoln County Land Use Plan as Mixed Residential/Commercial, suitable for residential uses and small-scale office and retail uses.

Additional Information

Permitted uses

Under current B-N zoning: retail sales, offices, services, etc.

Under proposed R-SF zoning: modular home, site-built house.

Adjoining zoning and uses

East: zoned B-N and R-SF, elementary school.

South: zoned B-N, undeveloped portion of larger tract.

West: zoned B-N, house.

North (opposite side of N.C. 16 Business): zoned B-N, insurance agency.

Chairman Beam opened the public hearing for ZMA #643 Jason Owen and Allan Carswell, applicants.

Jason Owen, applicant, said that he currently lives in the home.

Commissioner Permenter asked if the home is being used as a business. Mr. Owen said it is their home and the trailers, etc. are from a previous business.

Commissioner Permenter said if a house will be built there and the rest of the area is built as neighborhood business, a development will be built there and they could be looking at the back of houses.

Mr. Owen said he understood that and the house is for his inlaws.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Beam closed the public hearing.

ZMA #644 Mary Hunter Key, applicant: Jeremiah Combs presented the following:

The applicant is requesting the rezoning of 20.64 acres from R-T (Transitional Residential) to R-SF (Residential Single Family).

Site Area & Description

The property is located about 1,200 feet west of Little Egypt Road and about 3,200 feet north of N.C. 73, adjacent to the Windsor Forest subdivision, in Catawba Springs Township. This property is adjoined by property zoned R-T, R-SF, R-S (Suburban Residential), and PD-R (Residential Planned Development). Land uses in this area include residential and institutional (church). This property is in an area designated by the Lincoln County Land Use Plan as Suburban Residential, suitable primarily for single-family homes with densities up to two dwelling units per acre. A sewer main traverses this property and water lines are located in this area.

Additional Information

Permitted uses

Under current R-T zoning: manufactured homes, duplexes, modular homes, site-built homes, church.

Under proposed R-SF zoning: modular homes, site-built homes, church.

Minimum lot size

Under current R-T zoning: 32,500 square feet (0.746 acre).

Under proposed R-SF zoning: 22,500 square feet (0.516 acre) with public water and sewer,

32,500 square feet otherwise.

Adjoining zoning and uses

East: zoned R-S, residential uses

South: zoned R-SF, undeveloped tract

West: zoned R-T, undeveloped tract
North: zoned R-T and PD-R, undeveloped tracts

The Board discussed the access to this property and the plans for this property.

Chairman Beam opened the public hearing concerning ZMA #644 Mary Hunter Key, applicant.

Being no speakers, Chairman Beam closed the public hearing.

ZMA #645 Mark and Angela McClure et al: Jeremiah Combs presented the following:

The applicants are requesting the rezoning of 2.5 acres from R-SF (Residential Single-Family) to R-R (Rural Residential).

Site Area & Description

The property is located on the east side of Mount Zion Church Road about 1,200 feet southwest of Sadler Road in Ironton Township. This property is adjoined by property zoned R-SF, and the remainder of the subject property is zoned R-R. Land uses in this area include residential, institutional (church) and agricultural. This property is in an area designated by the Lincoln County Land Use Plan as Suburban Residential, suitable primarily for single-family homes with densities up to two dwelling units per acre.

Additional Information

Permitted uses

Under current R-SF zoning: modular homes, site-built homes, church

Under proposed R-R zoning: manufactured homes, modular homes, site-built homes, church

Minimum lot size:

Under current R-SF zoning: 32,500 square feet (22,500 square feet if both public water and sewer were available)

Under proposed R-R zoning: 43,560 square feet (40,000 square feet if both public water and sewer were available)

Adjoining zoning and uses

East: zoned R-SF and R-R, church

South: zoned R-R, remainder of tract

West: zoned R-SF, residential uses

North: zoned R-SF, residential uses

Chairman Beam opened the public hearing concerning ZMA #645 – Mark and Angela McClure et al.

Mark McClure, applicant, said his son and future daughter in law would like to put a starter mobile home on this property. They want to be in this location to be across from his father, who is legally blind.

Buddy McGinnis, 2303 Mt. Zion Church Road, said he is a lifelong resident. He said this trailer will be in direct view of the church and he does not feel this should be approved.

Judy Boylan, 2352 Mt. Zion Church Road, said she has lived there 15 years. She said the area was zoned residential single family and she wants it to stay that way.

Charlotte Shelton, 2374 Mt. Zion Church Road, said she sympathizes with Mark and his family, but would like it kept residential single family.

Dillon McClure, applicant, 2831 Sadler Road, quoted the Declaration of Independence. He said this will be a brand new trailer and will look nice. He stated he would like to live on this property to take care of his grandfather.

Talia Begley, applicant, said this will be a brand new Clayton Homes single wide mobile home, 16 x 76, with a brick foundation and a front/back porch. There will only be one mobile home on this property.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Beam closed the public hearing.

CZ #2018-1 First Class Autos, Inc., applicant

The applicant is requesting the rezoning of a 0.78-acre lot from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to CZ B-G (Conditional Zoning General Business) to permit vehicle sales and vehicle service. Vehicle sales is not permitted in the B-N district. It's a conditional use in the B-G district and in the Eastern Lincoln Development District (ELDD). Vehicle service (oil change, alignment, tire mounting, etc.) is a conditional use in the B-N district, a permitted use in the B-G district and a conditional use in the ELDD. An existing building would be used for the operations. A site plan has been submitted as part of the rezoning application. If the rezoning request is approved, the use of the property would be limited to the specified uses.

Site Area & Description

The subject property is located at 1598 N. NC 16 Hwy., on the east side of N.C. 16 Business about 750 feet north of Smith Harbour Drive. It is adjoined by property zoned B-N, CZ I-G (Conditional Zoning General Industrial) and PD-MU (Planned Development Mixed Use). Land uses in this area include business, residential, institutional (charter school), industrial and recreational (park). The Smithstone subdivision is located behind the subject property. The Lincoln County Land Use Plan designates this property as part of the N.C. 16 Corridor. The NC 16 Corridor Vision Plan recommends that commercial activity be concentrated in nodes.

Additional Information

Permitted uses

Under current zoning: retail sales, offices, personal services, restaurant, etc.

Under proposed zoning: vehicle sales, vehicle service.

Adjoining zoning and uses

East: zoned PD-MU, 30-foot buffer portion of Smithstone development.

South: zoned B-N, undeveloped lot.

West (opposite side of N.C. 16 Business): zoned B-N, charter school driveway and EMS base.

North: zoned CZ I-G, site of proposed vehicle service/ repair operation and office complex.

Chairman Beam opened the public hearing concerning CZ #2018-1 First Class Autos, Inc., applicant.

Steve Taylor, applicant, said he is the owner of First Class Autos, which will be moving to the new location from the current location in the Pit Stop building.

Mr. Hawkins said this will be a nonconforming structure in the ELDD, since it has metal siding. It was built before the ELDD standards were enacted.

Commissioner Permenter said continuing the use of the nonconforming building and allowing another car lot is opposite to what most people in the East Lincoln area want.

Commissioner McCall asked the applicant if he would be willing to meet the ELDD standards.

Todd Coles, property owner, said the building could stay as it is, which is an eyesore for Lincoln County.

Barry Head, Manager for First Class Autos, said this is the most appropriate property for the money to locate their business.

There was a discussion concerning amending the UDO to make all nonconforming buildings come up to standards as part of any change of use.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Beam closed the public hearing.

CZ #2018-2 Ron Barbagli, applicant

The applicant is requesting the rezoning of a 0.84-acre lot from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to CZ I-G (Conditional Zoning General Industrial) to permit vehicle sales and vehicle repair. Vehicle sales is not permitted in the B-N district. Vehicle repair (body shop/car restoration) is not permitted in the B-N or B-G district. Vehicle sales is a conditional use in the I-G district and in the Eastern Lincoln Development District

(ELDD). Vehicle repair is a permitted use in the I-G district and a conditional use in the ELDD. An existing building would be used for the operations. A site plan has been submitted as part of the rezoning application. It shows that no more than 15 vehicles would be displayed for sale. If the rezoning request is approved, the use of the property would be limited to the specified uses.

Site Area & Description

The subject property is located at 422 N. NC 16 Hwy., on the east side of N.C. 16 Business at its intersection with Forest Oak Drive and on the west side of Pilot Knob Road. It is adjoined by property zoned B-N, B-G CU (Conditional Use General Business) and R-T (Transitional Residential). Land uses in this area include business, residential and light industrial. The Lincoln County Land Use Plan designates this property as part of the N.C. 16 Corridor. The NC 16 Corridor Vision Plan recommends that commercial activity be concentrated in nodes.

Additional Information

Permitted uses

Under current zoning: retail sales, offices, personal services, restaurant, etc.

Under proposed zoning: vehicle sales, vehicle service.

Adjoining zoning and uses

East (opposite side of Pilot Knob Road): zoned R-T, residences.

South: zoned B-N, undeveloped lot.

West (opposite side of N.C. 16 Business): zoned B-N and CU B-G, medical offices and vehicle sales.

North: zoned B-N, convenience store/gas station.

Commissioner Permenter asked if a statement was prepared against this conditional rezoning. He said he will not support this request.

Commissioner Oakes asked for a change in the UDO for future applications to make these older buildings to come into compliance.

Chairman Beam opened the public hearing concerning CZ #2018-2 – Ron Barbagli, applicant.

Raye Watson-Smyth said Pilot Knob is all houses, right across the street from this building. She said there will be car lots side by side and that is just what the area needs, more car lots.

Ron Barbagli, applicant, said this will not be a typical car lot, it will be high end classic cars. The display will be 10 to 15 cars. He said he has made improvements to the building since he bought it in 2014.

Commissioner McCall said she will not vote to approve this request or any like it until the applicant agrees to bring the building up to ELDD standards.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Beam closed the public hearing.

UDO Proposed Amendments #2018-1 Lincoln County Planning Board, applicant:

The Planning Board is proposing amendments to Section 2.4.5.C of the Lincoln County Unified Development Ordinance to reduce the minimum lot size in the R-SF, R-S and R-T districts to 22,500 square feet (0.516 acre) if public water or public sewer is available and if an improvement permit for a septic system, or a well permit if public sewer is available and not public water, is obtained from Lincoln County Environmental Health for each proposed lot.

Planning Board members have been discussing the idea of reducing the minimum lot size if one utility is available for several months. There are many areas in the county where public water is available but not public sewer. In a few areas, public sewer is available but not public water.

Currently, the minimum lot size in these three districts is 32,500 square feet (0.746 acre) if one or no public utility is available. In the R-SF and R-S districts, the minimum lot size is 22,500 square feet if both utilities are available. In the R-T district, there's no reduction if both utilities are available.

These standards have been in place since 2004, when amendments to the old Zoning Ordinance were approved to increase the minimum lot size in the R-SF and R-S districts. Prior to 2004, the minimum in the two districts was 22,500 square feet if neither public water or public sewer was available, 20,000 square feet (0.46 acre) if one utility was available, and 14,000 square feet (0.32 acre) if both were available.

Here's a chart that summarizes the preceding information:

Minimum lot size in R-SF and R-S districts (in square feet)

public utilities available	current	proposed	pre-2004
None	32,500	32,500	22,500
Water or sewer	32,500	22,500	20,000
Water and sewer	22,500	22,500	14,000

One main concern in 2004 was that lots only slightly larger than half an acre were simply too small in many cases to accommodate a well, a septic system and a future repair area for the septic system.

Under the current proposal, to qualify for a reduced lot size with one utility, an improvement permit or a well permit would have to be obtained from Environmental Health for each proposed lot before a subdivision plat could be recorded.

The 2004 amendments were also aimed at reducing the housing density that was permitted by right in the R-SF and R-S districts, thereby increasing the incentive for developers to request rezoning to a planned district and submit projects to the review

process that goes along with that.

The Planning Board's proposal would not reduce the minimum size lot in the case of the availability of public water and public sewer.

The proposal would apply not only to the division of a single parcel into two lots but also to subdivisions of up to 49 lots. (A subdivision with 50 or more proposed lots requires a rezoning to a planned development.)

In addition to reducing the minimum lot size if one utility is available, this proposal would also:

- Reduce the minimum lot size in the R-T district to 22,500 square feet if both utilities are available. In recent months, several owners have applied to rezone properties from R-T to R-SF in areas with public water and public sewer simply to gain a reduction in the minimum lot size.
- Eliminate a difference in the minimum lot size in the R-S district for a single-family detached house and for a duplex if public water and public sewer are available.
- Make the minimum building setbacks the same in the R-T and R-S districts for a single-family detached house and for a duplex.

Commissioner Oakes said water and sewer should not be equal in this request. He said sewer requires more land than water does.

Andrew Bryant addressed the proposal from staff's perspective.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Mitchem, the Board voted unanimously to table this item to get more information from staff.

UDO Proposed Amendment #2018-2 Lincoln County Planning and Inspections Department, applicant:

PROPOSAL

The planning staff is proposing an amendment to Section 4.6.2.C.2 of the Lincoln County Unified Development Ordinance to state that a residential accessory structure may be located in the road yard provided it is set back a minimum of 100 feet from the edge of the road right-of-way.

This proposal would allow more leeway for detached garages and other residential accessory structures to extend past the front building line of a house or be located entirely in the road yard.

Currently, under the UDO, an accessory structure may extend past the front building line of a house provided the lot is one acre or greater in size and provided the accessory structure is set back a minimum of 150 feet from the edge of the road right-of-way.

This proposal would eliminate the one-acre requirement and reduce the minimum setback to 100 feet.

It would leave in place a provision that allows the Board of Commissioners to grant special exceptions for accessory structures on lots adjacent to Lake Norman, where the option of locating buildings in the rear (lakeside) yard is often not available. Approval would remain on a case-by-case basis through a conditional use permit process.

If this proposed amendment had been in effect, two conditional use permit hearings that were held last year would not have been necessary. In those two cases, site plans showed the proposed accessory structures would be located more than 150 feet from the edge of the road right-of-way, but the lake lots were less than one acre in size.

The planning staff had previously considered proposing an amendment to the UDO to establish criteria for administrative approval for accessory structures to be located in the road yard on lake lots – for example, a standard that a detached garage be architecturally similar to the house. However, in 2015, the General Assembly amended the zoning enabling statute to prohibit the unilateral application of any building design regulations to any structures subject to the North Carolina Residential Code for One and Two-Family Dwellings. The code applies to residential accessory structures as well as houses and duplexes.

(Under the state statute, a building design requirement may be applied as part of a conditional use approval if the property owner voluntarily consents to it.)

By reducing the minimum setback, this proposal would allow more latitude for the location of accessory structures on lots with relatively large front yards in all areas of the county.

In the case of lake lots, the proposed amendment would specify that a conditional use permit could not be approved to allow an accessory structure to be located closer than 30 feet from the edge of the road right-of-way, the same as the minimum setback for a house.

Chairman Beam opened the public hearing concerning UDO Proposed Amendment #2018-2. Chairman Beam closed the public hearing.

Resolution #2018-1: Resolution Conditionally Supporting the Donation of Property to the Lincoln County Board of Education: UPON MOTION by Commissioner Oakes, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #2018-1 as presented.

RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY SUPPORTING THE DONATION OF PROPERTY
TO THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, Lincoln County is committed to providing facilities for the education of its young citizens; and

WHEREAS, Queen City Land, LLC, had previously agreed to donate 17.04 acres of land (the "Original Land") to the County for a future Elementary School site as a part of PD#2016-1; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Education has been offered and has conditionally accepted a substitute donation of approximately 19 acres off of Duckworth Lane (PID: 30119) (the "Substitute Land") without a reversion clause or any other caveats, subject to receiving all necessary approvals by Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County is willing to accept the substitution of the Substitute Land in lieu of the previously agreed-upon Original Land, subject, however, to the County first holding a public hearing and further subject to the condition that the Board of Commissioners at or after said hearing formally approve an amendment to PD#2016-1, to formally remove the original 17.04 acre donation as a condition of the Planned Development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County that it does hereby support and endorse the substitution of donations of property described herein, subject to the conditions precedent set out herein above.

Adopted this 8th day of January, 2018.

Bill Beam,
Chair of Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Oakes said he spoke with some new Planning Board members who do not feel adequately trained. He asked for additional training for them as necessary.

Commissioner McCall asked the Planning Board and staff to make a change to the UDO to state that any building in the ELDD District asking for a CUP or any conditional change, the owner or applicant must meet the compliance of the ELDD, no grandfathering, if it is a change of business or sale of property.

The Planning Board recessed their meeting to the 2nd floor balcony.
Chairman Beam called for a brief recess and called the meeting back to order.

Discussion of Sewer Allocation Policy: Don Chamblee said staff has been meeting with Administration and legal counsel. He proposed bringing this back before the Board on February 8.

Acceptance of The Petco Foundation grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$75,000 in fiscal year 2018-19: Hannah Beaver requested the Board's approval to accept The Petco Foundation grant in the amount of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2017-2018 and \$75,000 in fiscal year 2018-2019.

Lincoln County Animal Services has been awarded \$175,000.00 over two years from The Petco Foundation. The money can be used to create a Community Cat Pilot Program. The grant allows for the hiring of a part time position to manage the program, advertising costs, administrative costs, and veterinary procedure costs. This grant does not have a required match.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner McCall, the Board voted unanimously to accept the grant as presented.

Approval of Contract with County Manager: **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Oakes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with the County Manager.

Commissioner Permenter said there was a great article in the Lincoln Times News saying Lincoln County has a great County Manager and he agrees.

Chairman Beam praised Mr. Atkins and said the Board gave him a glowing review. He said Kelly is task driven and if a problem arises, he takes care of it immediately. He said that Mr. Atkins is the best County Manager that has ever been in Lincoln County.

Commissioner Mitchem said he has worked with 4 County Managers and Kelly is the most accessible and quickest to address problems as they arise.

Commissioner McCall said at all of the state and national meetings she attends, Lincoln County gets applauded for having Mr. Atkins as the County Manager.

Public Comments: Chairman Beam opened Public Comments.

Rudy Bauer, 8252 Blades Trail, said the newspaper said he stated "we are going to dredge our cove". He said this should be corrected to say "we are going to get it surveyed where we had it dredged".

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Beam closed Public Comments.

Other Business: **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Mitchem, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Bridgette Lutz to the Ag District Advisory Board.

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