

**MINUTES
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018**

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met July 16, 2018 at the Citizens Center, Commissioners Room, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, at 6:30 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Bill Beam, Chair
Martin Oakes
Richard Permenter

Commissioners Absent:

Anita McCall, Vice Chair
Carrol Mitchem

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 July 16, 2018 meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to order. He called for a moment of silence, asking for everyone to remember Commissioner Mitchem's mother Joyce who is in the hospital in the ICU. He led in 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, July 16, 2018
6:30 PM**

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

Call to Order - Chairman Bill Beam

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Adoption of Agenda

2. Consent Agenda
 1. Tax Requests for Releases 5/16 - 6/15/18
 2. VTS Refunds
 3. Surplus Property
 4. Approval of Minutes
 5. Waived Fees - Lincoln Cultural Center
3. Recognizing Lincoln County Animal Shelter as a No Kill Facility - Hannah Beaver
4. Science Grant Presentation - Dr. Lory Morrow
- ~~5. Update on Science Center Progress—Ariel and Edward McFadden~~
6. Performance Guarantee Extension for Carolina Ridge/Trilogy at Lake Norman Parcel F - Randy Hawkins
7. Performance Guarantee Extension for Carolina Ridge/Trilogy at Lake Norman Boulevard Phase 2 - Randy Hawkins
8. Performance Guarantee Application Approval for Carolina Ridge/Trilogy at Lake Norman Parcel D Phase 3 - Randy Hawkins
9. Community Transportation Discussion/Volunteer Transportation Services (VTS), Potential Budgetary Impact - Josh Grant, Ron Rombs, Commissioner Oakes
10. Resolution #2018-25: A Resolution Accepting the Tax Settlement with the Lincoln County Tax Administrator - Susan Sain
11. Public Comments
12. Senior Services Renovation Budget Increase - John Henry
13. Public Comments
14. Finance Officer's Report - Deanna Rios
15. County Manager's Report
16. County Commissioners' Report
17. County Attorney's Report
18. Vacancies/Appointments
19. Calendar
20. Other Business

Information Only - No Action Needed

- Register of Deeds Report
- Property Tax Collection Report

Adjourn

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Oakes, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda removing Item 5.

Consent Agenda: Josh Grant reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda.

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2. VTS Refunds
3. Surplus Property
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Waived Fees - Lincoln Cultural Center

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

Recognizing Lincoln County Animal Shelter as a No Kill Facility: Hannah Beaver, Director of Animal Services, announced that Lincoln County Animal Services has achieved No-Kill status after achieving 12 months of a live release rate of 90% and above for both dogs and cats. Ms. Beaver recognized Animal Services staff present, and thanked them for their hard work and dedication. She thanked Dr. Kim Mitchell, the volunteers, fosters, community groups, rescue partners, and community advocates including Jena Healy who started the county in this direction. She said a special thank you to HATS and the community who has helped in this mission. Ms. Beaver thanked county management, the Board of Commissioners and the Animal Services Boards. She said a special thank you to Kelly Atkins for putting his faith in her and supporting this journey.

Chairman Beam thanked Mr. Atkins for his role in achieving No Kill by hiring and supporting Hannah Beaver.

Commissioner Permenter recognized Commissioner McCall for her role in achieving the No Kill Status. He thanked Mr. Atkins for his hard work and support of No Kill.

Science Grant Presentation: Dr. Lory Morrow gave a report to the Board concerning the generous Science Grant, in the amount of \$50,000 and how the funds were used for hands on materials and supplies. She showed a video with different schools throughout the district with students using the equipment bought with the grant funds. Melissa Dellinger and Melissa Park both thanked the Board for the grant and explained different ways the funds were used.

The following students: Addison Stump, Jaleigh Miller Izzy Nishek, Sawyer Cathey and Drew Kolasinski gave examples of ways the grant money helped them learn and have fun learning science in the classroom. The students gave the Commissioners thank you cards from the students across the district.

Performance Guarantee Extension for Carolina Ridge/Trilogy at Lake Norman Parcel F:

Randy Hawkins presented Performance Guarantee Extension for Carolina Ridge/Trilogy at Lake Norman Parcel F.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Oakes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Performance Guarantee Extension for Carolina Ridge/Trilogy at Lake Norman Parcel F.

Performance Guarantee Extension for Carolina Ridge/Trilogy at Lake Norman Boulevard

Phase 2: Randy Hawkins presented the Performance Guarantee Extension for Carolina Ridge/Trilogy at Lake Norman Boulevard Phase 2.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Oakes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the the Performance Guarantee Extension for Carolina Ridge/Trilogy at Lake Norman Boulevard Phase 2.

Performance Guarantee Extension for Carolina Ridge/Trilogy at Lake Norman Parcel D,

Phase 3: Randy Hawkins presented the Performance Guarantee Extension for Carolina Ridge/Trilogy at Lake Norman Parcel D, Phase 3.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Oakes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the the Performance Guarantee Extension for Carolina Ridge/Trilogy at Lake Norman Parcel D, Phase 3.

Resolution #2018-25: A Resolution Accepting the Tax Settlement with the Lincoln County

Tax Administrator: Susan Sain, Tax Administrator, requested the Board's approval of Resolution Accepting the Tax Settlement with the Lincoln County Tax Administrator.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Oakes, the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution #2018-25 as presented.

RESOLUTION #2018-___: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE TAX SETTLEMENT WITH THE LINCOLN COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATOR

THAT WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Tax Administrator is charged with the collection of all real and personal property taxes for Lincoln County, the East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District, the Fire Districts, and the City of Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, NCGS 105-373 sets out a process whereby the Tax Administrator is to settle with the Board of Commissioners on an annual basis for all taxes charged for collection and those collected and remaining uncollected at year-end; and

WHEREAS, such settlement is to take place before the Tax Administrator can be charged with the collection of the next year's tax collections; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Administrator has prepared the required Settlement and submitted it to the Finance Officer for review; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Administrator has forwarded the required Settlement for approval by the Board of Commissioners;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts and approves the Settlement of Taxes prepared by the Tax Administrator's Office, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference into this Resolution.

Adopted this ___ day of July 2018.

Bill Beam, Chair
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

Community Transportation Discussion/Volunteer Transportation Services (VTS), Potential Budgetary Impact: Josh Grant and Ron Rombs spoke concerning community transportation and getting people to necessary services at DSS and other agencies. The discussion focused on improving the public transportation sector of local government to meet the needs of the citizens who face daily transportation challenges. Services among departments and other agencies are not being taken full advantage of due to these limitations in transportation options. Among others, those affected are DSS, Health, Veterans, Senior Center, Partners Behavioral Health, and the general public.

Ron Rombs reviewed the history, services offered and funding sources of Transportation Lincoln County.

Josh Grant briefly discussed volunteer transportation services, which was discontinued on 6/30/18 and the budgetary impacts of taking on this program.

Public Comments: Chairman Beam opened Public Comments.

Dustin Bartow spoke concerning accountability in local law enforcement.
Anthony Huss spoke concerning accountability at the Sheriff's Department.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Beam closed Public Comments.

Senior Services Renovation Budget Increase: John Henry said construction costs have risen since the Senior Services renovation was budgeted. RdM performed a cost analysis for the Design Development phase and the most recent estimated budget amount is \$2,499,775.77. He asked the Board's approval of the new budgeted amount.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Permenter, the Board approved the budget increase for the Senior Services renovation at not to exceed \$2,500,000.

Finance Officer's Report: Scott Cook presented the Finance Officer's Report.

County Manager's Report: Mr. Kelly Atkins said he will be working with Board of Elections to find more storage space for their equipment. He said Public Information Officer training will be tomorrow and in the future the Board will be asked to adopt a PIO policy.

He asked the Board for a work session on August 6, 2018 at 4:00 PM to discuss the plans for the Courthouse. Commissioner Oakes asked for individual meetings with Commissioners to go over the plans before the work session.

County Attorney's Report: Nothing reported.

County Commissioners' Report: Nothing reported.

Vacancies/Appointments: **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Permenter, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Martin Oakes to fill the expired term of Dr. Jim Watson.

Commissioner Permenter thanked everyone for the support during his family's recent loss.

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

Amy S. Atkins, Clerk
Board of Commissioners

Bill Beam, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

July 16, 2018
Public Hearing - Zoning