

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met as the governing body of the East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District at the Citizens Center, Third Floor, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting at 6:30 p.m. on November 7, 2005. The following were present:

Thomas R. Anderson, Chairman
Carrol Mitchem, Vice Chairman
James "Buddy" Funderburk
Marie Moore
Alex Patton

Jeff Taylor, County Attorney
Stan Kiser, County Manager

Also present were Steve Gilbert, Director of Public Utilities, Delores Alfaro, Assistant Clerk to the Board, and Amy S. Atkins, Clerk to the Board.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Anderson called the November 7, 2005 meeting of the East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District Board to order.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Alex Patton gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Update on Status of Land Acquisition and Schedule for New Sewer Plant – Cotntract

Amendment No. 5: Steve Gilbert presented the following update and Contract Amendment No. 5.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he spoke with Dave Hart and Jay Miller, both with Duke Power, concerning the land that the County had requested from them. They told him that they were within about four weeks of having a list of requests ready to give back to the County concerning the purchase. The property has been appraised and their full response should be in the County's hands sometime in November. Mr. Gilbert stated that after his discussions with them, he does not expect any comments that would prevent being able to negotiate the purchase with them.

In regards to the schedule for the new plant, two scheduling scenarios were shown in the report that was presented in September. There are two basic options. Preliminary design of the plant is complete, and the Engineering Report is in the process of completion and review by the State regulators. If we move forward immediately with the Construction Plans and Specifications, we expect the new plant to be in service before full upgraded capacity is reached at the existing sewer plant. If we wait until the State completes their review of the

Engineering Report to begin the Plans and Specs, we will probably run out of capacity before the new plant can open. While there may be some minor revisions, we will have to make to the plans as a result of the State's review, Mr. Gilbert recommended that the engineers be instructed to move forward with the Plans and Specs segment of their contract so we don't have to put a hold on building permits. The engineers have prepared a contract amendment for the next phase of work. With the Board's approval, work on the Plans and Specs can begin immediately.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Funderburk, the Board voted unanimously to approve Contract Amendment No. 5.

Recess: **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Mitchem, the Board voted unanimously to recess the meeting to November 21, 2005.

Amy S. Atkins, Clerk to the Board
Board of Commissioners

Thomas R. Anderson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners