

**MINUTES
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2000**

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on January 17, 2000 at the Citizens Center, Commissioners Room, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting at 5:30 PM.

Commissioners Present:

James A. Hallman, Chairman
Terry L. Brotherton, Vice-Chairman
Beth H. Saine
W. J. Waters, Jr.
John R. Gamble, Jr.

Others Present:

Stan B. Kiser, County Manager
Jeffrey A. Taylor, County Attorney
Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board

Call to Order: Chairman Hallman called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Commissioner Waters gave the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of Agenda: UPON MOTION by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as follows, postponing Item 16 Water Availability Fees until a later date and postponing Item 14 – School Bonds until January 24, 2000.

AGENDA

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 17, 2000

5:30 PM	Call to Order
5:30 PM	Invocation
5:30 PM	Pledge of Allegiance

1. 5:30 PM Adoption of Agenda
2. 5:30 PM Approval of Minutes
 - January 10, 2000
3. 5:35 PM Resolutions for Teachers Earning National Board Certification
4. 5:45 PM Consent Agenda
 - Tax Requests for Releases
 - Less than \$100 – November 16 – December 15, 1999
 - More than \$100 –November 16 – December 15, 1999
 - Tax Requests for Refunds
 - Less than \$100 – November 16 – December 15, 1999
 - More than \$100 –November 16 – December 15, 1999
 - Sponsored Group Status
 - First Baptist Church
 - Lincoln County Republican Party
 - Gideons International
 - Lincoln Community Concert Association
 - Requests for Water Adjustments – December 1, 1999 – January 10, 2000
5. 5:50 PM Public Comments
6. 6:05 PM Audit Report
7. 6:15 PM Land Use Plan
8. 6:25 PM Resolution for Abandoning the Right of Way on Old Brevard Place Road
9. 6:30 PM Update on Gaston College
10. 6:45 PM PARTF Application – Erma Deen Hoyle
11. 6:50 PM Mountain Island Lake – Erma Deen Hoyle
 - 1 – Agreement with NC Wildlife Resources Commission
 - 2 – Youth Hunt
12. 6:55 PM Designate Lead Agency and Advisory Committee for Home and Community Care Block Grant – Erma Deen Hoyle
13. 7:00 PM School’s Facility Report – Commissioner Terry Brotherton

14. 7:30 PM School Bonds
15. 7:40 PM Resolution Requesting Funding From Transportation Improvement Program Funds for Road Widening/Shoulders in Eastern Lincoln County.
16. 7:50 PM Proposed Water Availability Fees
17. 8:00 PM Resolution for Boger City Fire Department
18. 8:05 PM Vacancies
19. 8:10 PM Appointments
20. 8:15 PM Calendar
21. 8:20 PM County Commissioner's Report
22. 8:30 PM County Manager's Report
23. 8:40 PM Other Business
24. 8:50 PM Closed Session – Contractual and Personnel

Adjourn

Approval of Minutes: UPON MOTION by Commissioner Brotherton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2000 public hearing meeting as presented.

Resolutions for Teachers Earning National Board Certification: The Board presented Resolutions to the teachers earning National Board Certification.

Consent Agenda: UPON MOTION by Commissioner Gamble, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as follows.

Requests for Releases

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Allen, Terry L. & Bobbie	1999	05328	\$2.17
Avery, Walter Douglas	1999	0069833	\$51.14
Beardslee, Jay William	1999	0072087	\$20.35
Berry, Roy	1999	0115790	\$5.09
Brown, Charles B. Jr.	1999	19562	\$69.00

Buff, Frankie Weaver	1999	07514	\$4.68
Dellinger, Darrell S.	1992	12732	\$14.28
Divinney, Kerry Shawn	1999	0131927	\$57.29
Grigg, Earl Lee	1999	00990	\$77.67
Houser, Charles Harold	1999	0131390	\$69.00
Jean, James Matthew	1999	0086810	\$35.68
Dellinger, Christopher Wayne	1999	0075171	\$17.23
McClintock, Donald	1999	0124474	\$57.50
Morgan, Paula	1998/99	0125552	\$89.52
Reep, Jackie	1999	08441	\$69.00
Sherrill, William H.	1999	09064	\$69.00
Wilson, Timothy W.	1999	0114524	\$33.08
Worley, James Daniel	1999	0088021	\$38.96

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Callaway, Dwight B. Jr.	1998/99	20157	\$4,140.00
Dean, Floyd	1999	05423	\$131.19
Erwin, Stephen Philip Sr.	1999	0119257	\$657.90
McRorie, Charlene	1999	0139849	\$135.73
Obrien, Jeremiah & Eleanor	1999	31940	\$167.77
Spikes, Yolanda	1999	0139947	\$172.49
White, Tina	1999	0140012	\$111.63

NAME	YEAR	A/C NO	AMOUNT
Ammons, Willie Ray	1999	0071651	\$54.19
Andrews, Roger Chester Jr.	1999	0105610	\$30.75
Arney, John Esleie III	1999	0128574	\$52.37
Asaro, James Michael	1999	0079878	\$11.07
Avery, Vernon Wesley	1999	0081823	\$22.93
Baker, Willie Mae Pharr	1995/98	35821	\$8.68
Ballard, Tammy Jacqueline	1999	0090451	\$38.77
Barnes, Natalie Gregor	1999	0068026	\$5.94
Black, Benita Lynn	1998	0091804	\$6.59
Bolick, Brouxie Allen	1999	0139157	\$1.31
Boling, Eric	1999	41679	\$27.34
Boling, Marvin Carter	1998/99	0082559	\$22.90
Brower, Sandra Fielding	1999	0133600	\$12.88
Brown, Bobby Jerry	1999	0108463	\$62.69
Brown, Jerry Michael	1998	0136157	\$10.73
Brown, Jessie Wendell	1999	0076657	\$10.11
Buelin, Paul Michael	1999	0139610	\$20.62
Burgess, Bradley E.	1999	0082735	\$23.71
Byrum, William Peck	1999	0139775	\$76.04
Camp, Franchesca Lynnette	1998	0131107	\$67.31
Castrejon, Joel Acevedo	1998	0085813	\$12.10
Cephaledium Corp.	1998	0137438	\$8.26
Childers, James Edward	1998	0080000	\$22.89
Clack, Perry Lane Jr.	1998	0132688	\$46.29
Cloninger, William	1999	0115818	\$30.07
Connell, Jerry D. & Maxine	1999	28751	\$25.74
Cook, Crystal Dawn	1999	0139981	\$16.56
Courlas, Debra Ann	1999	0120656	\$6.55

Cox, Sheila Gardner	1999	0125796	\$20.32
Craig, Joel Edward	1999	0073286	\$65.00
Crawley, John Wayne	1999	0066886	\$15.61
Crouse, William Raye	1999	0127865	\$39.43
Davis, Patricia Wise	1999	0138512	\$24.94
Dean, Eddie Lee Jr.	1999	0089945	\$3.84
Dellinger, Christopher W.	1999	0075171	\$17.23
Docherty, Jason Patrick	1998	0112828	\$8.21
Donlen Corp.	1999	0071152	\$65.23
Elliott, Minnie Jill	1999	0139495	\$12.59
Ellis, Bryson Douglas	1999	0139707	\$6.10
Fairchild, Scott	1999	0124442	\$28.45
Fecteau, Louis David Jr.	1998	0123517	\$31.20
Finger, Herbert Hoover Jr.	1999	0100024	\$18.32
Flowers, Gary Eugene	1999	0132958	\$30.87
Flowers, Glinda Canipe	1999	0094409	\$33.53
Forney, Roxie Ann	1998	0099483	\$13.52
Gatrell, Thomas	1999	0124854	\$17.27
Gladden, Edward Marcus	1999	0077638	\$38.32
Grant, Barney Merrill	1999	0140369	\$3.74
Harris, Elliott Randall	1999	0139096	\$92.17
Harris, Laurence Harvey	1998	0136160	\$28.37
Hatcher, Grover Jr.	1999	0097299	\$10.76
Hayes, Frankie Marie	1999	0118999	\$38.66
Heafner, Tony Earl	1999	0140383	\$93.19
Henry, John Thomas Jr.	1999	0125997	\$24.38
Hibberts, Jeffery Donald	1998/99	0130499	\$99.89
Hodges, Danielle Smith	1999	0072558	\$55.93
Hoke, Vickie Hendrick	1999	0085239	\$55.46
Holdsworth, Robert Scott	1999	0138867	\$21.75
Hollar, Yvonne White	1999	0074475	\$29.31
Houser, Jimmy Milton	1999	0071990	\$93.19
Howard, Barrie Lee	1999	0094908	\$28.79
Huffman, Kenneth Ray	1999	0074073	\$3.32
Huffman, Steven Daniel	1999	0122151	\$18.47
Huss, Jerry Lee & Janice	1998	02974	\$4.95
Huss, Melissa Leigh	1998	0136087	\$22.82
Izard, James Haywood	1998	0114046	\$5.08
Johnson, Marie	1998	42109	\$2.21
Jones, James Paul	1998	0077950	\$20.04
Jones, Rosalinda	1999	0091187	\$26.14
Lackey, Gary Sherwood	1999	0121182	\$65.27
Lambert, Terry Susan	1999	0134903	\$13.92
Lauder, Heidi Lynn	1999	0125493	\$10.35
Leatherman, Doris Kersey	1999	0086366	\$4.86
Leissner, Richard Paul Sr.	1999	0076544	\$7.94
Leonhardt, Paul E.	1999	10275	\$50.32
Leonhardt, Penny Elaine	1999	0094432	\$15.46
Loftin, Celestin Burke	1998	0135679	\$11.95
Loria, Roy Eduardo	1999	0127890	\$20.98
Lutz, James R. & Ruth	1999	03923	\$9.11
Martin, Daniel Craig	1998	0128379	\$16.08
McCarthy, Ronald S.	1999	0108162	\$42.16

McClain, Antonio	1997	0088325	\$53.97
McLean, Lateasa Wilette	1998	0128048	\$71.69
McMeekin, Theodore C.	1998/99	0091287	\$33.66
Melton, Frances Harkey	1998	0108579	\$19.42
Moore, Doris Elaine	1999	0140306	\$46.41
Moore, James Edward Jr.	1999	0139580	\$21.71
Mull, Reginald Dean	1998	0077804	\$76.21
Mullen, James Stuart	1999	0088029	\$75.79
Munday, John Thomas	1998	0127391	\$16.88
Murillo-Peraza, Luis Angel	1999	0140184	\$22.29
Nixon, Betty Little	1998	0129077	\$7.01
Osborne, Randall Blount	1999	0108840	\$28.06
Owen, Llewellyn	1999	13429	\$6.55
Parfitt, Regina Carver	1999	0099159	\$10.35
Payne, Marvin Boyd	1999	0064957	\$51.94
Payseur, Jeannie C.	1998	0123629	\$46.05
Pendleton, William L.	1999	13718	\$33.11
Phillips Enterprises	1999	0139574	\$32.19
Plunkett, Benjamin Michael	1999	0132552	\$44.42
Powell, Samuel Coy Jr.	1999	0080503	\$49.20
Pruitt, Shirley Short	1999	0090588	\$20.46
Raby, Kevin D.	1999	0064684	\$21.90
Ramirez, Mario Eduardo	1998/99	0121263	\$24.96
Rathbone, Ronnie Delmar	1998	0069147	\$46.01
Reinhardt, Virginia F.	1999	08777	\$14.76
Rice, Benjamin A.	1999	14786	\$16.08
Rickettson, James Asher	1999	0124796	\$79.83
Rippy, Henry Christopher	1998	0121460	\$4.83
Ross, George Elliott II	1999	0124064	\$77.39
Rudisill, Robert Ray	1999	09818	\$6.68
Sain, Coye Everette	1999	0094330	\$11.04
Saunders, Sheila Popwell	1999	0110645	\$51.77
Self, Bobbie Metcalf	1999	0139454	\$4.05
Shields, Arthur George	1999	0097071	\$47.19
Smith, Cristina L.	1999	0137926	\$29.17
Smith, Jeffrey Darrell	1998	0137420	\$32.20
Smith, Sue Stephanie	1999	0132479	\$46.61
Solis, Alexander Vargas	1999	0068279	\$25.15
Stewart, Christina Leigh	1998	0137628	\$65.04
Storrs, Thomas I.	1999	38515	\$40.44
Sullins, Robert Dee	1999	0075437	\$23.22
Thompson, Frank Richard	1998	0133825	\$92.17
Thrasher, Jack	1999	08687	\$34.63
Triangle Food Mart	1999	0094814	\$22.98
Washam, Jennifer Marie	1999	0139783	\$16.13
Webber, Eddie Jr.	1999	0126431	\$98.42
Wentz, Linda Lorraine	1999	0077736	\$49.37
Whipkey, Ronald J.	1999	0139061	\$7.53
Wilkie, Teresa Ann	1999	0139528	\$57.40
Wilkins, Sheralyn Diane	1999	0068807	\$26.48
Winchell, George Francis	1999	0138969	\$64.72

Wolfe, Larry Elmore	1998	0135006	\$34.24
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Ballard, Charles Elmer	1999	0099224	\$104.25
Barber, Michael Steven	1999	0071695	\$129.69
Barnett, Jesse Neil	1999	0140352	\$135.47
Barrett, Stanley Wayne	1999	0139168	\$132.11
Baxter, Joyce McDowell	1998	0137639	\$149.73
Bohling, Richard Allen	1998	0137504	\$113.05
Buckley, Candace Ward	1999	0139524	\$182.86
Bumgarner, Barney Adam	1998	0130120	\$141.00
Burgess, Gary Allen	1999	0126429	\$779.36
Burns, Mark Davidson	1999	0127474	\$216.27
Carpenter, Nancy Lowe	1999	0094260	\$105.40
Finger Brothers Inc.	1999	0065001	\$110.75
Goetz, Daniel Emil	1999	0132534	\$124.60
Graham, Joel Robert	1999	008675	\$279.01
Leatherman, Gary Houston	1999	0098625	\$218.46
McIntire, Donald Ray	1997/99	0093314	\$265.76
Millwood, Lynne Carpenter	1999	0114884	\$119.07
Parker, Barry Wayne	1999	0109061	\$108.99
Parker, Paul Edward	1997-99	0066156	\$178.62
Piedmont Transportation	1999	0122197	\$139.89
Powell, Robert Calvin	1998	0137547	\$183.95
Sonnenberg, Nina Eileen	1999	0140261	\$137.90
Watts, Jonathan Derek	1998	0133373	\$120.34
Wells Fargo Equipment Inc.	1999	0138563	\$1,394.18
Whitesides, Warner Andrew	1999	0120146	\$159.75

LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT
 REQUEST FOR REFUNDS
 ANNUALS

PERIOD COVERED (November 16 – December 15, 1999)

G.S.#105-381(B) ALL REFUNDS LESS THAN \$100.00
 (and) #105-325 including (A) (6)

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Act III Skateland Inc.	1999	BCFD	24246	\$6.79
Avery, Harry & Joseph Avery	1999	CRFD	0117196	45.67
Bailey, Michael & Jennifer	1999	DFD	0127864	12.96
Bingham, Daniel J.	1999	NBFD	0063748	5.00
Britt, Eddie & Alice	1999	HCFD	48915	20.00
Coyle, Tom	1999	ELFD/ELSD	0139200	16.65
Deaton, Tony & Gaye	1999	CITY	0128680	87.02
Dodson, William E.	1999	UNFD	01927	69.00
Jones, Larry Eugene	1999	ELFD/ELSD	18875	16.51
First Beneficial Mortgage	1999	PCFD	0119362	4.40
Freshour, Timothy Darrell	1999	N321	0075908	23.36

Hamilton, Todd L.	1999	CITY	49543	69.59
Heafner, Jack B.	1995	HPFD	01096	12.50
Heafner, Peggy	1997	HPFD	01096	16.49
Heafner, Peggy	1994	HPFD	01096	11.69
Heafner, Peggy	1996	HPFD	01096	16.16
Heafner, Peggy	1998	HPFD	01096	16.70
Heafner, Peggy	1999	HPFD	0127229	16.24
Houser, Bessie	1994	NBFD	0090855	32.00
Houser, Bessie	1995	NBFD	0090855	34.50
Houser, Bessie	1996	NBFD	0090855	69.00
Houser, Bessie	1997	NBFD	0090855	69.00
Houser, Bessie	1998	NBFD	0090855	69.00
Houser, Bessie	1999	NBFD	0090855	69.00
Jenkins, Tracy J.	1999	CRFD	03175	13.87
Johnson, Alfonzo	1999	BCFD	12360	10.00
Kinney, David	1999	ELFD/ELSD	20094	10.00
Meadows, Robert & Joyce	1999	PCFD	16275	3.80
Mullen, Richard & Ronda	1999	N321	16914	4.25
Pate, Eddie R & Martha	1999	BCFD	13564	14.40
Rusak, Dennis	1999	HSFD	48099	13.75
Shrum, Betty	1999	N321	0113089	13.07
Whisonant, Mary	1999	CITY	0127762	7.81

LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT
ANNUALS

REQUEST FOR REFUNDS

PERIOD COVERED (November 16 – December 15, 1999)

G.S.#105-381(B) ALL REFUNDS ANNUAL MORE THAN \$100.00
(and) #105-325 including (A) (6)

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Allen, Randy F.	1999	HCFD	02134	\$121.00
American Land Corp.	1999	ELFD	0119369	143.40
Cooper, Larry C.	1999	ELFD	0126889	336.63
Crawley, Leon	1999	NBFD	0133363	333.45
First Citizens Bank	1999	CITY	0138126	1,122.31
Homoly, Paul & Carolyn	1999	DFD	39476	1,215.63
McCall, Annie B.	1999	DFD	21217	425.90
Rosenbaum, John	1999	CITY	0062372	1,182.46
Sherrill, J. Rodney & Anne	1999	DFD	0069804	1,700.76

Sponsored Group Status

- First Baptist Church
- Lincoln County Republican Party
- Gideons International
- Lincoln Community Concert Association

Requests for Water Adjustments for Period of December 1, 1999 – January 10, 2000

<u>Name</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>New Total</u>
Carpet Max	6114101-00	\$574.46	\$307.67
Faye Childers	6121301-03	\$ 77.84	\$ 55.24
Hazel Coffey	9187081-00	\$ 18.61	\$ 49.58
LC Dellinger Bldrs	12242361-00	\$527.92	\$292.88
George Duvall	6198291-00	\$ 17.18	\$ 81.98
Stepehn Fairweather	6123761-00	\$ 28.12	\$ 67.43
Edwain Shelton	8164501-01	\$ 33.17	\$ 36.51

Public Comments: Chairman Hallman advised that this was the time the Board of Commissioners would receive comments from the citizens regarding any matter they desired to address.

Darrell Harkey, Historical Coordinator for Lincoln County, stated that on Sunday, January 23, 2000 Dr. Alan Stoudemire will be in Lincolnton, health permitting, to sign copies of his book *A Place at the Table*. Dr. Stoudemire has agreed to donate a portion of the sales of this book to the Lincoln County Historic Properties Commission to be used for the enhancement of Ramsour’s Mill. Mr. Harkey stated that Mr. Stoudemire personally knows Jimmy Carter and can possibly get him to come to Lincolnton when they kick off the annual fundraising event for Ramsour’s Mill. Mr. Harkey requested that the Board officially declare Sunday, January 23, 2000 as Alan Stoudemire Day in Lincoln County.

Being no additional speakers, Chairman Hallman declared the Public Comments section closed.

Audit Report:

Roger Bowman with Bowman, Pegg, Herman, and Starr, presented the following highlights from the Audit.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF LINCOLN COUNTY
AUDIT REPOR FOR FISCAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999**

Lincoln County benefited from the strong economic growth that is occurring throughout North Carolina and the southeast, and had a very good financial year. The County's local economy has seen improvement from the prior fiscal year, with the unemployment rate at only 2.6 percent at June 30, 1999, lower than both state average at 2.7 percent and the national average at 4.3 percent. Retail sales experienced sustained growth, with the County's local option sales tax revenue increasing 9.51 percent.

REVENUES

General governmental revenues totaled \$49,837,610 for an increase of 10.18 percent over the prior year. Revenues by source for the Governmental Funds (General, Special Revenue, Capital Projects) were as follows:

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 20,960,354	\$ 20,066,855	\$ 893,499	4.45%
Local option sales taxes	8,176,993	7,467,171	709,822	9.51
Other taxes and licenses	550,140	452,357	97,783	21.62
Unrestricted intergovernmental	1,693,913	1,793,534	(99,621)	(5.55)
Restricted intergovernmental	13,148,786	11,203,850	1,944,936	17.36
Permits and fees	1,304,307	1,032,090	272,217	26.38
Sales, services and rents	2,673,230	2,010,014	663,216	33.00
Investment earnings	929,346	906,951	22,395	2.47
Miscellaneous	<u>400,541</u>	<u>299,915</u>	<u>100,626</u>	33.55
Total revenues	<u>\$ 49,837,610</u>	<u>\$ 45,232,737</u>	<u>\$ 4,604,873</u>	10.18%

EXPENDITURES

General governmental expenditures were \$53,219,119, an increase of 10.56 percent over the preceding year. Categorized by character and major function, expenditures for the governmental funds (General, Special Revenue, Capital Projects) were as follows:

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Current:</u>				
General government	\$ 4,363,439	\$ 3,852,479	\$ 510,960	13.26 %
Public Safety	7,441,940	7,424,717	17,223	0.23
Environmental protection	600,973	584,410	16,563	2.83
Economic and physical Development	416,592	505,551	(88,959)	(17.60)
Human services	10,534,240	9,755,980	778,260	7.98
Cultural and recreational	1,041,968	992,929	49,039	4.94
<u>Intergovernmental:</u>				
Education	7,931,555	7,489,016	442,539	5.91
<u>Capital outlay:</u>				
General government	5,510,151	4,394,302	1,115,849	25.39
Schools	10,760,688	8,573,093	2,187,595	25.52
<u>Debt service</u>				
Principal retirement	2,614,426	2,545,978	68,448	2.69
Interest and fees	<u>2,003,147</u>	<u>2,016,124</u>	<u>(12,977)</u>	(0.64)
Total expenditures	<u>\$53,219,119</u>	<u>\$48,134,579</u>	<u>\$ 5,084,540</u>	10.56 %

FUND BALANCE – GENERAL FUND

The General Fund ended the fiscal year with a total fund balance of \$15,272,077 or an increase of \$3,387,796. The prior year's increase in fund balance was \$2,087,239. Over \$6.5 million of this fund balance is undesignated and available for appropriation. This is equal to 16.5 percent of current year expenditures and transfers out of the fund. This percentage has increased from the 10.0 percent available last year.

SEGMENT INFORMATION – ENTERPRISE FUNDS

All three enterprise funds obtained an increase in operating revenues and net income for the year. Segment informant for the enterprise funds is as follows:

	Landfill <u>Fund</u>	Water and <u>Sewer Fund</u>	East Lincoln County Water and Sewer <u>District Fund</u>	1999 Total Enterprise <u>Funds</u>	1998 Total Enterprise <u>Funds</u>
Operating revenues	\$ 324,802	\$2,866,187	\$1,473,760	\$ 4,664,759	\$ 3,916,533
Ad valorem taxes	0	0	1,568,966	1,568,966	1,098,474
Availability fees	1,703,054	0	0	1,703,054	1,642,093
Depreciation expenses	554,510	594,587	455,005	1,604,102	1,424,480
Operating income (loss)	(1,015,517)	1,126,089	328,466	439,398	400,386
Capital Contributions	0	218,906	0	218,906	741,559
Net Income	897,520	296,577	1,066,332	2,260,429	1,783,262
Grants	0	21,725	01	21,725	212,395
Plant, Property and Equipment additions	384,396	253,251	1,217,609	1,855,256	1,698,943
Net working capital	3,604,550	(6,649,676)	63,335	(2,981,791)	(5,139,043)
Total assets	6,160,295	20,564,961	19,924,232	46,649,488	42,166,202
Long-term debt payable from operating revenues					
Bonds and other debt	155,051	12,580,330	14,025,000	26,760,381	27,780,948
Landfill closure and Post-closure costs	2,951,119	0	0	2,951,119	2,571,797
Total equity	2,806,033	2,388,140	5,321,185	10,515,358	6,118,323

SUMMARY

I am pleased that last year's audit report for the third consecutive year was awarded the prestigious Certificate of Achievement in Excellence in Financial Reporting, and feel confident that this year's report will again receive that honor and distinction that only a very few reports obtain. In order to receive this Certificate, a governmental unit must publish an easily readable, efficiently organized, and comprehensive annual financial report. The contents must conform to very strict program standards and are reviewed on a national basis by experts in this field.

As demonstrated by the statements and schedules included in the financial section of this report, the County had a very good financial year.

Respectively submitted,

BOWMAN, PEGG, HERMAN & STARR, CPAs

Roger C. Bowman, Partner

Commissioner Brotherton stated that when he arrived on this Board three years ago, the fund balance was under eight percent. It was not long after he arrived that Raleigh requested a meeting and slapped the Board on the hand because eight percent is their magic number. Last year it was at ten percent and now it has reached sixteen and a half percent. Commissioner Brotherton stated that this says a lot about the financial strength and the progress that Lincoln County is making.

Roger Bowman stated that if the Board would like, they could have a workshop to go over the audit.

Land Use Plan:

Kelly Atkins, Director of Building and Land Development, presented Walter Fields and Brad Davis from Walter Fields.

Chairman Hallman stated that the only thing the Board has to determine is whether to proceed with the whole county or just the Catawba Springs Township, doing the other sections of the county later.

Walter Fields stated that there is a cost savings by doing the whole county at one time.

Kelly Atkins stated that the original Land Use Plan was done around 1992.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that last week, a candidate filed for one of these positions, and this was his lead project, a committee from East Lincoln County to participate in the Land Use Plan. He stated that this candidate is six months behind time, because this had already been discussed.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Brotherton, the Board voted unanimously to employ the Walter Fields Group to proceed with the new Land Use Plan to include the entire county.

Resolution for Abandoning the Right of Way on Old Brevard Place Road:

Tommy Richarson, with the Department of Transportation, presented the following information to the Board. The property owners on SR 1880, Old Brevard Place Road, have petitioned the North Carolina Department of Transportation to abandon the right of way on the above mentioned section of roadway. There are no houses on the section of roadway and the petitioners own all the property fronting the right of way requested to be

abandoned. SR 1880 is the remains of the original Brevard Place Road after a new bridge and approaches were constructed several years ago. All the petitioners now have access to the new section of roadway and no one will be left without public road access. A resolution from the Board of County Commissioners is required before the Board of Transportation will consider the property owners request.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to abandon the Right of Way according to this request.

Update on Gaston College: Dr. Skinner, President of Gaston College, gave an update on the status of the Lincoln Center of Gaston College. She stated that they are submitting an application to the State Board of Community Colleges to become a campus rather than a center and she would like the Board's approval on that.

Dr. Skinner stated that during the last year, the Continuing Education Department had approximately 1392 different people enrolled in courses at the Lincoln Center, including 350 of the Lifeskills students, which is up around 50 from last year. On the credit side, during the past two years, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of credit students and credit courses taught at the Lincoln Center. This Spring, there are approximately 981 credit students, compared to 365 during Spring semester 1996.

Dr. Skinner asked for the Board's approval and the County Manager's signature, for the application to the State Board of Community Colleges to become a campus.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to instruct County Manager Stan Kiser to sign the form with the Board's full support.

PARTF Application – Erma Deen Hoyle: Erma Deen Hoyle stated that she needs authorization to reapply to the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) for funding for the East Lincoln Community Center. She stated that they can apply for up to \$250,000. It is a 50/50 matching grant.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that this Board has already committed to borrow up to \$300,000 for this project. He stated that the funds are available to match that grant, but he just wants to be sure that this is not going to delay the project in any way.

Erma Deen Hoyle stated that the County can always withdraw the application. She stated that they could not use these funds for prior expenses such as site development or architectural.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Saine, the Board voted unanimously to allow Erma Deen Hoyle to proceed with the grant application for the East Lincoln Community Center.

Mountain Island Lake – Agreement with NC Wildlife Resources Commission: Erma Deen Hoyle stated that a request has been received from North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to negotiate an agreement for the Cowans Ford Wildlife Refuge area located on the County's Mountain Island property. A similar agreement was in force when the property was owned by Crescent Resources, and a similar agreement was in force when the property was owned by Crescent Resources, and a similar agreement is also in effect between the Wildlife Commission and Mecklenburg County.

Ms. Hoyle presented the following agreement.

AGREEMENT

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, HEREIN THE COUNTY, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION, HEREIN THE CONTRACTOR, FOR THE PROVISION OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT SERVICES ON THE COWANS FORD WATERFOWL REFUGE MOUNTAIN ISLAND PROPERTY OWNED BY LINCOLN COUNTY.

In consideration of mutual promises and conditions stated below, the County and The Contractor agree to enter into this cooperative agreement for the purpose of protecting, managing, and propagating wildlife, and for the purpose of providing the citizens of Lincoln County and North Carolina with a natural area suitable for educational programs, interpretive field studies, and passive environmental activities.

I. **PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION:**

The provisions of this agreement shall apply to the +/- 244 acres lying in Lincoln county and recorded in the Lincoln County Public Registry in Map Book ____ On Pages ____.

II. **DUTIES OF THE CONTRACTOR:**

The Contractor agrees as follows:

- a. To provide wildlife protection through its staff for the proper enforcement of the wildlife laws, rules, and regulations of North Carolina.
- b. To cooperate with the County to thoroughly demarcate the boundary of the area under consideration with signs of suitable material.
- c. To provide the County with technical assistance in developing the area for wildlife through the application of scientific management techniques that are compatible with good land use.

- d. To recognize the primary use of the land by the County and to apply only those techniques that are compatible with that primary use.
- e. To assist the County in any way possible with the protection of the property against fire and against trespass.

III. DUTIES OF THE COUNTY:

The County, in consideration of the above, agrees as follows:

- a. The Contractor shall have the right of ingress, egress, and regress upon the lands of the County at any and all times for the protection and propagation of wildlife.
- b. To permit the Contractor to establish regulations governing harvest of surplus wildlife populations for the protection of the habitat.

IV. INDEMNITY:

- a. The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless Lincoln County, its agents, employees, and assigns from and against all losses, costs, damages, expenses, and liability caused by an accident or other occurrence resulting in bodily injury including death, sickness, and disease to any person or damage or destruction to property, real or personal arising directly or indirectly from the negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, its agents, employees, and assigns. In accordance with North Carolina law, this indemnification shall not exceed \$100,000 per occurrence.
- b. The County shall indemnify and save harmless the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, its agents, employees, and assigns from and against all losses, costs, damages, expenses, and liability caused by an accident or other occurrence resulting in bodily injuring including death, sickness, and disease to any person or damage or destruction to property, real or arising directly or indirectly from the negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, its agents, employees, and assigns. In accordance with North Carolina law, this indemnification shall not exceed \$100,000 per occurrence.

V. METHOD OF PAYMENT:

- a. In consideration of mutual services provided, there shall be no exchange of funds between the Contractor and the County.

VI. TERM:

The Contractor and the County mutually agree as follows:

- a. This agreement shall become effective as soon as signed by authorized representatives of each party, and it shall remain in effect until terminated by either party.
- b. This agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice. In the event termination is affected, the Contractor shall have the right to remove any and all buildings, apparatus, and materials supplied by the Contractor for the purpose of this agreement.
- c. This agreement may be amended by an instrument in writing, properly signed by both parties.
- d. Additional lands acquired by the County may be incorporated into this agreement by written amendment signed by authorized representatives of each party.
- e. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting or affecting in any way, except as to wildlife conservation, the authority of the County in connection with the use, protection, and administration of the above-mentioned lands, and that this agreement is subject to any and all existing and future rights-of-way, easements, leases, liens, or encumbrances authorized by the County.

Jeff Taylor, County Attorney, stated that he has reviewed this agreement, and is prepared to recommend approval, if the Board wants to vote on it.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement.

Youth Hunt: Erma Deen Hoyle stated that a request has been received from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and the Lincolnton Sportsman Club to hold a Youth Hunt on the Mountain Island property. The purpose of the hunt is two-fold, education and wildlife population control.

Ms. Hoyle stated that they will need to see that the hunt does not conflict with the lease that Clean Water Management has.

Todd Ewing stated that the Wildlife Commission is looking to expand their Youth Hunt program. He stated that they are looking to do one in this area. Mr. Ewing stated that they assume the liability for their actions. These hunts have been extremely safe, and there have been no accidents in any of their hunts. He stated that safety is their utmost concern.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Gamble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Youth Hunt, subject to conditions being met on property.

Designate Lead Agency and Advisory Committee for Home and Community Care Block Grant – Erma Deen Hoyle:

Erma Deen Hoyle stated that as a requirement for continued funding for the Home and Community Care Block Grants, each county must designate a lead agency and an advisory committee to assist with the allocation decisions and funds administration.

Lincoln County Senior Services is requesting that the Board of Commissioners designate Centralina Council of Governments as the Lead Agency for Lincoln County, and the Lincoln County Council on Aging as the Advisory Committee.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Gamble, the Board voted unanimously to designate Centralina Council of Governments as the Lead Agency for Lincoln County, and the Lincoln County Council on Aging as the Advisory Committee.

Chairman Hallman called for a five minute recess.
Chairman Hallman called the meeting back to order.

Schools Facility Report – Commissioner Terry Brotherton: Commissioner Brotherton stated that several months ago, when the need for additional high school space was identified and made public, it included a proposal for a new high school. He stated that at that time, he suggested a more cost effective expansion of East Lincoln. The School Administration, with their Architects, prepared an expansion proposal with a price tag of around \$20 million, as compared to \$24 to \$26 million for a new facility. Mr. Brotherton stated that he questioned the expansion cost, and School Board Chair Ms. Lawing suggested, in a newspaper article, that if Mr. Brotherton have a plan that is better, to present it. He stated that at that time, he did not have a formal plan, but had some ideas as to how it could be accomplished for less than half the cost of their proposal. Mr. Brotherton stated that he has always found Ms. Lawing to be an open-minded individual, dedicated to adequately meeting the needs of the students, but also one that knows that there is a responsibility to the property tax owners of the County. He stated that he appreciates Ms. Lawing's wisdom, in displaying a double consideration, being a willingness to look at other alternatives that he considers will be adequate, as well as less burdensome on the property owner.

Commissioner Brotherton introduced Mr. Dan Debettencourt of dBF Associates, an Architectural Firm. He stated that Mr. Debettencourt is going to present a proposal for East Lincoln expansion that can be accomplished for probably forty percent of a new high school, and will adequately meet the needs of the children.

Dan Debettencourt stated that he is the President of dBF Associates Architects. He stated that they have been retained by the County to design the Recreation Facility. Mr. Debettencourt presented a plan for expanding East Lincoln High School.

Mr. Debettencourt presented the following Preliminary Cost Estimate.

Preliminary Cost Estimate

New Construction:	67,700 s.f. @ \$95.00/s.f. =	\$ 6,432,000
Renovation:	19,700 s.f. @ \$75.00/s.f. =	\$ 1,477,000
Site Work:	4 AC @ 40,000/AC	<u>\$ 160,000</u>
Total:		\$8,069,000

Testing/Expenses	1%	\$ 81,000
Fees	8%	\$ 646,000
<u>Equipment/Furn</u>	<u>60,000 s.f. @ 10/s.f.</u>	<u>\$ 600,000</u>
Subtotal		\$9,396,000

<u>Project Contingency</u>		<u>\$ 940,000</u>
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Total: **\$10,336,000**

Commissioner Waters asked about the time frame for doing this work.

Dan Debettencourt stated that it could be renovated over a two summer program. He stated that there are already around 200 students housed in modular trailers. He stated that a program could be used temporarily to put more students in modular units while renovating. He stated that he would suggest the renovations over two summers and one academic year.

Commissioner Gamble asked who Mr. Debettencourt's client was.

Mr. Debettencourt stated that he was approached by Commissioner Brotherton about doing a feasibility study. He stated that his client is the Board of Commissioners.

Dr. Marty Eaddy stated their estimated cost for adding 500 students to East Lincoln High School was \$10,300,000. He stated that this effort blurs the clear distinction of responsibilities that the General Statutes of this state give the Boards of Commissioners and Boards of Education.

Robin Heafner asked where the fees are being paid to Mr. Debettencourt from, county money or private money.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that Mr. Debettencourt agreed that he would make a proposal for the Board without a fee, doing this amount of work. If additional work is requested of him, a fee will be negotiated.

Virginia Dellinger asked how many classrooms this would create.

Mr. Debettencourt stated that this would be an increase of about thirty classrooms.

Chairman Hallman stated that School Bonds is being deferred until January 24, 2000, due to a technicality.

Resolution Requesting Funding from Transportation Improvement Program Funds for Road Widening/Shoulders in Eastern Lincoln County: Commissioner

Brotherton stated that this was addressed last week, and this is the formal Resolution that has been prepared.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING FUNDING FROM
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR
ROAD WIDENINGS/SHOULDERS IN EASTERN LINCOLN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the population is rapidly growing in the eastern part of Lincoln County as new homes are constructed and new residents move into the County; and

WHEREAS, the increase in the residential population of this area has created an increased need for recreational facilities for the use of such residents; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Division of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Curtis B. Yates, has provided information that federal funding is available, through the Transportation Improvement Program, to assist with the costs of widening road shoulders to provide areas for walking and bicycling; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Westport Community Association have gathered information about proposed widenings in eastern Lincoln County, specifically, along Fairfield Forest Road, Lake Shore Road South, Golf Course Road North/Lake Shore Road North, Golf Course Road South, and Blades Trail as outlined in the documents attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners verily believes that the widening of these roads to provide paths for walking and bicycling would be beneficial and in the best interests of the health of the citizens of Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, any funding awarded pursuant to this program would be without any required match by Lincoln County and without any reduction or other effect on any other grant available to Lincoln County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of commissioners requests that funds be awarded from the Transportation Improvement Program as set forth hereinabove to widen the roads stated herein for walking and bicycle paths and that a copy of this resolution be sent to any and all applicable agencies, authorities, and officials in order to facilitate consideration of this request at the earliest possible date. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

This resolution adopted this 17th day of January , 2000.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
James A. Hallman, Chairman

ATTEST:

Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Brotherton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution Requesting Funding from Transportation Improvement Program Funds for Road Widening/Shoulders in Eastern Lincoln County.

Proposed Water Availability Fees: Chairman Hallman stated that the Water Availability Fees has been postponed because Stan Kiser needs to get verification on some issues.

Resolution for Boger City Fire Department: Chairman Hallman stated that before the Fire Department can be approved for a tax exempt loan, the Board of Commissioners has to approve this Resolution.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF LINCOLN

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK RE APPROVAL
OF TAX-EXEMPT LOAN AND WRITTEN
AGGREMENT TO VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The undersigned, being the duly qualified Clerk of Lincoln County, North Carolina, does hereby certify that the following is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, North Carolina, at its regular/special meeting on the ____ day of _____, 2000, which Resolution was duly introduced, seconded, and approved, and that said Resolution remains in full force and effect:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, North Carolina does hereby approve (within the scope of the qualifying language set forth below) a tax-exempt loan to the Boger City Volunteer Fire Department. [Name of Volunteer Fire Department] (the “VFD”) from First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company in the principal amount of \$255,500, which loan is for the following purpose (check applicable purpose):

1. () for the construction of a fire station for the VFD, (cross out the following if not applicable) including the purchase of the underlying real property.
2. (X) the purchase by the VFD of a fire truck or fire trucks, and

which fire truck(s) or fire station will be owned and operated by the VFD at the following address:

2498 East Main Street

Lincolnton, N.C. 280092

RESOLVED, FURHTER, that the approval of the loan to the VFD set forth above is given solely for purposes of the public approval requirements for tax-exempt financing applicable to the VFD because of Section 150 (e) (3) and Section 147 f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and such approval does not obligate the **County** or its Board of Commissioners in any way regarding repayment of the debt.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the **County** Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, North Carolina hereby does approve a written agreement requiring the provision of fire fighting services to the **County** by the VFD in the form of the written agreement attached hereto as an exhibit and incorporated by reference herein.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that _____ [State Title of Officer] of the **County** Board of Commissioners hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the **County** a written agreement with the VFD in the form of the written agreement attached hereto as an exhibit and incorporated by reference herein."

Duly certified by the execution hereof and the placing hereon of the seal of the said **County**, this the _____ day of _____, 2000.

CLERK

_____ **County**, North Carolina

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Gamble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution.

Vacancies: Commissioner Saine presented the following Vacancies.

- Lincoln County Child Protection Team 1
- Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee 5
- Planning Board – Lincolnton Township 1

Commissioner Brotherton stated that the Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee always has a lot of vacancies. He stated that he believes there are people out there that have an interest in Nursing Homes, if the Board could get the message to them. Commissioner Brotherton instructed the Clerk to write a letter to the Ministerial Association asking for volunteers to serve on the Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee.

Calendar: Chairman Hallman presented the Board calendar for February, 2000.

County Commissioners' Report:

Commissioner Gamble stated that he has been on the Board for one year, and lots of things pass under their belts, without getting any response. He stated that he received a copy of a letter from the North Carolina Association of Long Term Care Facilities, dated December 6, 1999. Commissioner Gamble stated that the way he read the letter, it was requesting an answer from the County Manager. He stated that he did not get a copy of that letter and would like to know how he answered this letter. He stated that he called Lou Wilson, asking what she received in response to this. He stated that these letters involve the Board of Commissioners, and are not really answers that the County Manager can give.

Commissioner Gamble stated that it is approaching medical and dental insurance time for the County employees, and he has been contacted by at least three county employees, worried about their hardship, low moral, and possible loss of valuable county employees, as far as having this coverage. He asked the County Manager what he was doing about soliciting bids for county employees insurance.

Stan Kiser, County Manager, stated that he was unaware last time that plans could be tailor made, he just assumed you took what was offered. He stated that the county can tailor make their plan next year.

Stan Kiser, County Manager stated that he called Lou Wilson, instead of writing her a letter. Ms. Wilson is a lobbyist that represents the Long Term Care, Rest Home owners, not the people that live there.

Chairman Hallman stated that at the Centralina Council of Government that he and Commissioner Gamble attended last week, Debi Lee got up and made a talk about elderly care. He stated that Ms. Lee was very complimentary about the stance the Board has taken relative to Adult Care Facilities. Ms. Lee stated that a number of people throughout the state are looking at what the Board has done, and thinking about doing similar Ordinances.

Chairman Hallman stated that according to the newspaper, Gaston County made an agreement with NCDOT concerning the new Highway 16 property.

Commissioner Gamble stated that some weeks ago, the Board discussed the Soil and Water Committee and the raising of salary for one of their employees. He stated that at the time, the Chairman suggested that they recategorize that person on the payroll. He asked for an update on this.

County Manager Stan Kiser stated that the gentleman that he had talked to has never called him back. He stated that he has looked at the pay grade and there is no level above what he is now that he could be put into.

Commissioner Gamble asked what the rules were for appointment to the Board of Variances. He stated that some time ago, a motion was made for a replacement for himself. He stated that Commissioner Waters voted against this. Commissioner Gamble asked how the Board could do this, since it was not a four-fifths vote. He asked how the Board manipulated this.

Chairman Hallman stated that these people were not appointed to replace any particular Commissioner. They are alternate members, who in the event one or more Commissioners is absent, they step into that position for that night only. Chairman Hallman stated that the appointments were made by the Board of Commissioners, which requires a simple majority vote.

Jeff Taylor, County Attorney, stated that the appointments are made by the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Variances and Appeals can be individual members of the Board of Commissioners or any other five individuals plus two alternates, who are registered voters of Lincoln County.

Commissioner Gamble stated that he read in the paper this morning, there was something in there about the Alexander County Board of Commissioners doing something about their hospital. He suggested very openly that when Charles McGinnis gets through straightening the Iredell County Hospital, the Board hires him to look over the shoulders of Lincoln County.

Commissioner Gamble stated that he would like for County Attorney Jeff Taylor to ask the Attorney General about Commissioner Waters vote against the appointment of the Alternate Board of Variance members.

Commissioner Gamble asked Chairman Hallman about conflicts of interest on the Hospital Board and whether or not the Board could have a report from the Hospital Board.

Chairman Hallman stated that at the last Hospital Board meeting, Stan Kiser, without his knowledge, made a proposal to the Hospital Board that they sign off on a Conflict of Interest. It was widely refused. Chairman Hallman stated that he and Stan get copies of the monthly report from the Hospital, and will make copies of the Hospital Board packet for all Commissioners. He stated that he sent a letter to the CEO of the Hospital

requesting his presence at the December Board meeting, to give an update on the operations of the Hospital. He declined this meeting. Chairman Hallman then invited him to this meeting or to tell the Board when a meeting would be convenient. He declined for this night, and has yet to forward a date that he could meet.

Chairman Hallman stated that he and the Mayor and he talked at the Centralina meeting about planning a joint County Commissioners/City Council meeting to talk about joint issues. He made a recommendation that the County Manager get with the city about getting a date for this meeting.

County Manager's Report: Stan Kiser, County Manager, stated that on January 5, 2000, Jack Chandler and he met with the officials at Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities Department to discuss water and sewer. CMUD had no interest in a management or purchase of the East Lincoln Sewer District, however they do have an interest in supplying Lincoln County with water.

Stan Kiser, County Manager, stated that when the original classifications were set up for the new jail facility, there was nothing set up for Intake Officer Trainee. There are several positions for Intake Officers, but not Intake Officer Trainee. There are Detention Officers and a grade lower is a Detention Officer Trainee. He asked the Board to establish an Intake Officer Trainee, at a Grade of 52, with a beginning salary of \$19,968. Anyone being hired as an Intake Officer would be first hired as an Intake Officer Trainee, Grade 52, and later promoted into the Intake Officer position.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Gamble, the Board voted unanimously to establish an Intake Officer Trainee position, at Grade 52, with a beginning salary of \$19,968.

Commissioner Waters asked if Stan Kiser had already determined that buying water from Mecklenburg makes more sense than buying from Lincolnton.

Mr. Kiser stated that he has not ruled Lincolnton out, and is planning on talking to them about it.

Stan Kiser passed out copies of a service contract with WK Dickson to provide engineering services to the county. The Board can make a motion and pass these costs onto developers.

Mr. Kiser stated that the County Engineer position has been advertised three times so far, and have yet to find anyone with any noticeable experience in low pressure sewer.

Jack Chandler, Director of Public Service, stated that the former County Engineer worked for McGill and Associates. Initially he worked in the Asheville office, and was moved to the Hickory office. They made a proposal with the county for him to work with the county. He has now moved onto a position with Catawba County. Now, WK Dickson is familiar with the system.

Mr. Chandler stated that the money is coming from Special Contract Services.

There was a discussion about readvertising for the County Engineer position and the costs of using WK Dickson to do the engineering work.

Other Business:

Chairman Hallman stated that there has been a request to declare January 23, 2000 as Alan Stoudemeire Day.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to declare January 23, 2000 as Alan Stoudemeire Day.

Recess: **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to recess until January 24, 2000 at 12:00 p.m.