

MINUTES
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2010

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met on February 15, 2010 at the Citizens Center, Commissioners Room, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting at 6:30 PM.

Commissioners Present:

Alex E. Patton, Chairman
Bruce Carlton
George Arena
James A. Klein
Carrol D. Mitchem

Others Present:

George A. Wood, County Manager
Martha W. Lide, Assistant County Manager
Jeffrey A. Taylor, County Attorney
Amy S. Atkins, Clerk to the Board
Kelly Atkins, Planning and Inspections Director
Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator
Barry McKinnon, Sr. Utility Engineer
Leon Harmon, Finance Director

Call to Order: Chairman Patton called the February 15, 2010 meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to order.

Reverend J. V. Allen of Boger City Wesleyan Church gave the Invocation. Chairman Patton led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

AGENDA

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 15, 2010

6:30 PM Call to Order

Invocation - Rev. J.V. Allen, Boger City Wesleyan Church

Pledge of Allegiance

1. 6:32 PM Adoption of Agenda
2. 6:33 PM Consent Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes
 - January 4, 2009
 - January 25, 2010
 - Refund of Marriage License
 - Tax Requests for Refunds
 - December 2, 2009 - January 3, 2010
 - Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2010-02: An Ordinance Amending the FY 2010 Budget for the County of Lincoln, North Carolina
 - Request to Retire K-9 and give to handler
 - Employee Benefits - Health Coverage for Abortions
3. 6:35 PM Public Comments
4. 6:50 PM Planning Board Recommendations - Randy Hawkins
 - CUP #295 - Lineberger Family, LLC, applicant
 - CZ #2010-1 - Piedmont Companies, Inc., applicant
 - WSCUP #12 - Piedmont Companies, Inc., applicant
5. 7:10 PM Public Hearing - Private Road Name - Sennebogen Trail
 - Public Hearing to Discuss a Proposed Revision to the Memorandum of
6. 7:15 PM Understanding on the Adequate Public Facilities Program Between the Board of Commissioners and Board of Education - Andrew Bryant
 - Motion to Approve a Proposed Revision to the Adequate Public Facilities
7. 7:25 PM Program Between the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education
 - Presentation by Robert Carson, Environmental Planner, Planning and
8. 7:35 PM Inspections Department, Regarding the West Lincoln High School Stormwater Wetland and Environmental Education Project
9. 7:40 PM Motion to Approve the NCDOT's Proposal to Allow Semi-trucks with tandem-trailers on US 321, from Gastonia to Hickory
10. 7:45 PM Discussion and Possible Action on Space Needs Study
11. 8:00 PM Discussion and Vote on Civil Case Regarding Sheriff Daugherty
12. 8:15 PM Capital Project Report - Burns Whittaker
13. 8:20 PM Finance Officer's Report - Leon Harmon
14. 8:25 PM County Manager's Report - George Wood
15. 8:30 PM County Commissioners' Report
16. 8:35 PM County Attorney's Report
17. 8:40 PM Vacancies/Appointments
18. 8:45 PM Calendar
19. 8:50 PM Other Business

Adjourn

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Carlton, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with Commissioner Mitchem discussing Incorporation under Other Business.

Consent Agenda:

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Arena, the Board voted unanimously to pull the Employee Benefits – Health Coverage for Abortions and put it as a separate agenda item.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Carlton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

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LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT
MOTOR VEHICLES

REQUEST FOR REFUNDS

PERIOD COVERED (DECEMBER 21, 2009-JANUARY 3, 2010)

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

NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Harvey, Mack W.	2009	CFD	0111180	181.32
			TOTAL	\$181.32

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ANNUALS

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NAME	YEAR	DIST	A/C#	AMOUNT
Hannen, Walter L.	2007-08	DFD	0138851	810.68
			TOTAL	\$ 810.68

- Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2010-02: An Ordinance Amending the FY 2010 Budget for the County of Lincoln, North Carolina

**ORDINANCE #2010-02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY 2010 BUDGET
FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA**

THAT WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners adopted the FY 2010 Budget by approving Ordinance #2009-02 on June 15, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Director and County Manager are recommending further amendments as shown on the attachments herein; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners wishes to approve these proposed budget amendments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, North Carolina, that the FY 2010 Budget previously adopted is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. That the budget adjustments attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A to Ordinance #2010-02, are hereby approved and adopted as amendments to the FY 2010 Budget.

Section 2. That this amendment to the budget shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

Passed and adopted this 15th day of February, 2010.

BY: _____
Alex E. Patton, Chairman
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Amy S. Atkins
Clerk to the Board

- Request to Retire K-9 and give to handler

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

Being no speakers, Chairman Patton declared the public comments section closed.

Planning Board Recommendations – Randy Hawkins:

Conditional Use Permit No. 295 – Lineberger Family, LLC, applicant:

Randy Hawkins stated that the Planning Board voted 8-0 to recommend approval.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Carlton, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Planning Board's recommendation and approve Conditional Use Permit No. 295 – Lineberger Family, LLC, applicant, with the Planning Board's Findings of Fact.

Conditional Zoning No. 2010-1 – Piedmont Companies, Inc., applicant:

Randy Hawkins stated that the Planning Board voted 8-0 to recommend approval with the condition that speed bumps be placed in the driveways near Cat Square Road and Hwy. 27. (As part of the recommendation, the Planning Board strongly endorses the right-in, right-out driveway on Hwy. 27 because that is the safest way to enter the driveway, preventing left turns into traffic and preserving the traffic capacity of Hwy. 27.)

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Planning Board's recommendation and approve Conditional Zoning No. 2010-1 – Piedmont Companies, Inc., LLC, applicant.

Water Shed Conditional Use Permit No. 12 – Piedmont Companies, Inc., applicant:

Randy Hawkins stated that the Planning Board voted 8-0 to recommend approval with the following condition: A stormwater management system shall be designed such that the post-development discharge rates from the development shall not exceed pre-development discharge rates for two-year, ten-year, and 25-year frequency, 24-hour storm events.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Carlton, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Planning Board's recommendation and approve Water Shed Conditional Use Permit No. 12 – Piedmont Companies, Inc., LLC, applicant, and the Findings of Fact approved by the Planning Board.

Public Hearing – Private Road Name – Sennebogen Trail: Netta Anderson presented the proposed name for a private road.

The road is located off of Old Plank Road and requires naming due to the fact that there are now two structures that access Old Plank Road via this private road. The name proposed is Sennebogen Trail and was agreed to by all residents. The name is not a duplicate or sound-alike and has been approved by Communications.

Chairman Patton opened the public hearing concerning the road naming public hearing for Sennebogen Trail.

Being no one wishing to speak, Chairman Patton declared the public hearing closed.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Carlton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the public hearing for private road name, Sennebogen Trail.

Public Hearing to Discuss a Proposed Revision to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Adequate Public Facilities Program Between the Board of Commissioners and Board of Education: Rob Carson stated that several weeks ago, staff was before the Board concerning a revision to the Adequate Public Facilities Program Memorandum of Understanding. Upon the Board's recommendation to proceed with moving forward, staff presented the proposed revision to the Board of Education, which was approved unanimously. This is now before the Commissioners for a public hearing and approval. The revision aims to offer more flexibility in capacity determination when a facility is planned or a realignment of attendance zones is planned as long as the aggregated capacity does not rise above a predetermined threshold.

Chairman Patton opened the Public Hearing concerning a proposed revision to the memorandum of understanding on the APFP between the Board of Commissioners and Board of Education.

Being no one wishing to speak, Chairman Patton declared the public hearing closed.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Carlton, the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution #2010-14: Resolution to Amend Section 9 of the Adequate Public Facilities Program's Memorandum of Understanding Between the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and the Lincoln County Board of Education.

RESOLUTION #2010-14: RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 9 OF THE
ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES PROGRAM'S MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS AND THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, unincorporated Lincoln County has for the past decade been experiencing rapid growth in population; and

WHEREAS, this growth, and that which is anticipated, creates a demand for additional school facilities to accommodate the students who reside within new developments; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for planning for and constructing new school facilities lies primarily with the Board of Education, with funding provided by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education recognize the need to work together to ensure that new development within Lincoln County occurs at a pace that allows the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education to provide adequate school facilities to serve students generated by such new development; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has adopted a 10-year Capital Improvements Program for School infrastructure ("Facility Needs Assessment," dated May 2009); and

WHEREAS, the School Capital Improvement Plan includes the expansion of existing schools and the construction of new school capacity; and

WHEREAS, the parties have worked cooperatively and developed a system wherein school facility needs can be monitored and planned for to meet the needs of the citizens of Lincoln County and the parties will maintain a Capital Improvement Plan that is financially feasible and consistent with historical growth rates and patterns countywide; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is the "responsible agency" for constructing necessary educational facilities and making necessary amendments to its attendance boundaries as contemplated by the County's Adequate Public Facilities Program, as set forth in Article 6 of the Lincoln County Unified Development Ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board amends Section 9 of the existing Memorandum of Understanding to read as follows:

Section 9: The Board's designee will determine whether there is Available Capacity to accommodate Development Proposals that are subject to the APFO, based on the LOS standards set forth above and the provisions of the APFO. Based on the methodology below, if the Board's designee determines that there is not Available Capacity at each school level (elementary, middle, and high) to serve a Proposed Development, the designee will inform the APF Committee accordingly. If there is Available Capacity at each school level, the Board's designee will issue a Certificate of Adequate Educational Facilities (CAEF) for the Proposed Development.

- A. Except as provided in Section 9(C) below, the Board will measure Available Capacity for each school level, based on the Capacity of the school in the attendance zone in which a Proposed Development is located.
- B. Schools, for each school level, will be deemed adequate if there is Available Capacity to accommodate the demand generated by the Proposed Development in accordance with the following calculation methodology:
 1. Calculate Total Capital Improvements by adding:
 - a. Capacity provided by Existing Capital Improvements, at the LOS standards set forth above, to
 - b. The Capacity of any Planned Capital Improvements.
 2. Calculate Available Capacity by subtracting from the Total Capital Improvements the sum of:
 - a. Used Capacity;
 - b. Reserved Capacity; and
 - c. the demand on schools created by the Proposed Development.

- C. The determination of adequacy may take into account the Capacity of the schools in adjacent attendance zones if the School Board has determined that a Planned Improvement of the same school level, realignment of attendance zones, or another option will offset the impacts of the Proposed Development if the aggregated capacity of all schools at that school level has not exceeded 90%.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted this 15th day of February, 2010.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Alex E. Patton, Chairman
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Amy S. Atkins
Clerk to the Board

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Bobby E. Beam, Jr., Chairman
Lincoln County Board of Education

Attest:

Karen Drum
Clerk to the Board

Presentation by Robert Carson, Environmental Planner, Planning and Inspections Department, Regarding the West Lincoln High School Stormwater Wetland and Environmental Education Project: Robert Carson presented the following information:

Background:

Over the course of the last two years, the Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) in cooperation with Local and State agencies and stakeholders have been working on a Local Watershed Plan for Indian and Howards Creek. This is a comprehensive planning document that encompasses area descriptions, current ecological conditions, regulatory summaries, as well as a wealth of other pertinent information.

The end result of the planning process is a Watershed Management Plan that provides a list of recommendations to improve water quality within the watershed as well as a Project Atlas that identifies and prioritizes streams and wetlands for enhancement or restoration as well as potential Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) site locations.

In preparing the plan a stakeholders group was assembled of people from various Local and State agencies. From within this group several sub-groups were formed to look more closely into certain aspects encompassed within the plan. Representatives from Lincoln and Gaston Counties as well as EEP served on a sub-group that focused on local regulations and stormwater management.

Lead Agency (for Indian & Howards Creek Local Watershed Planning):

The North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (NC EEP) was established in 2003 to provide ecologically effective compensatory mitigation services to road-builders and other developers in the state, as required for projects permitted under the Clean Water Act. The EEP uses a watershed planning approach to identify the best areas to implement stream and wetlands mitigation projects, in order to help offset unavoidable environmental impacts associated with various development projects. EEP's major customer is the NC Department of Transportation, but also -- under its In Lieu Fee program -- EEP can mitigate for permitted impacts from private developers and municipalities as well. EEP's Local Watershed Planning (LWP) initiatives are undertaken within a subset of Targeted Local Watersheds and are designed to collaborate with local watershed stakeholders in order to develop the best solutions to local watershed problems. The products of EEP's LWP initiatives include watershed assessment reports, project atlases and watershed management plans.

Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP's):

Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP's) is a term used to describe the action of developing stormwater controls that mimic as closely as possible the natural drainage patterns of an area. The stormwater sub-group spent time investigating sites for the retrofitting of stormwater BMP's in Lincoln and Gaston Counties. Of the sites identified, the West Lincoln High School site held the greatest potential for placement of a BMP in Lincoln County as determined through expert opinion, and pollutant load modeling.

West Lincoln High School Site:

The decision to make the West Lincoln High School site a top priority for a stormwater BMP retrofit was not made lightly. The stormwater sub-group enlisted the help of Entrix, a consultant assisting in the watershed planning process, William Hunt, a professor at NC State specializing in stormwater BMP's, and all State and Local entities involved within this planning process. Characteristics of the site lend itself well for a stormwater BMP due to the manipulated drainage patterns found within and around the site. The West Lincoln High School student parking lot located on the NE corner of the High School property currently drains all stormwater runoff to a dilapidated drop-box and pipe leading to an ephemeral drainage ditch that soon leads to an unnamed tributary of Indian Creek.

The tributary of Indian Creek immediately downstream of the student parking lot was determined to be a potential restoration reach by EEP and their consultant, Entrix. This reach has been heavily degraded by large amounts of silt, sediment and other pollutants coming from the student parking lot and ephemeral channel, as well as high erosive forces due to concentrated high volumes of water that are channelized to the tributary from school property. (See attachment 1)

BMP Project Description:

The West Lincoln High School Site, after being categorized as a high priority site for a BMP retrofit, was set for more intensive study. The knowledge and expertise that William Hunt offered through his site visit (September, 2009) directed movement towards honing the potential project type to a specific BMP.

The BMP determined to best ‘fit’ the site conditions is a stormwater wetland. Constructed stormwater wetlands serve to retain, and clean stormwater through a design that mimics natural wetland characteristics.

The wetland would be sited to be large enough to receive 1 inch of rainfall from the parking lot and surrounding grassed area, which totals approximately 4 acres in size. This would place the wetland size at approximately 1/3 acre, with an average water depth of 1 foot.

Once the wetland is constructed, educational use would be a priority for the site. Thought has been given to the creation of an outdoor classroom with a visual display that would include information on the issues that stormwater runoff creates, construction of the stormwater wetland to combat these issues, and the basics of how a stormwater wetland works. (See attachment 2)

Funding for the wetland would come via an application for a 319 federal grant. The grant requires a 40% match, which can be met with “**In-Kind**” services. The work that Lincoln County employees and other stakeholders have accomplished, and will accomplish over the remainder of the planning process, wetland design and installation would cover the counties 40% match. No County monies are needed to move forward or for project completion.

Outcomes:

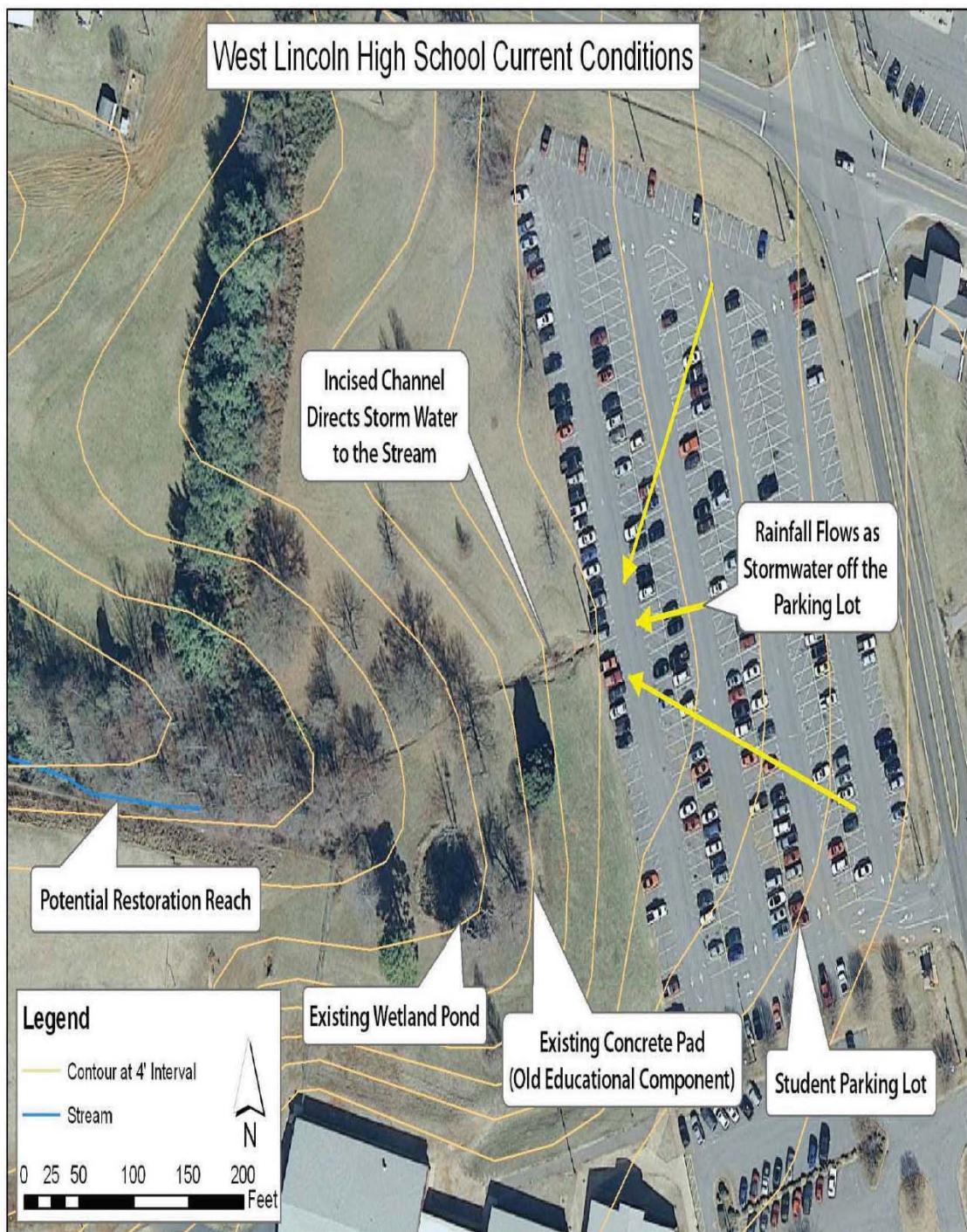
The Local Watershed Planning Process will provide several outcomes that will be beneficial to the decision making process and assist with water quality within the watershed planning areas. Outcomes are as follows:

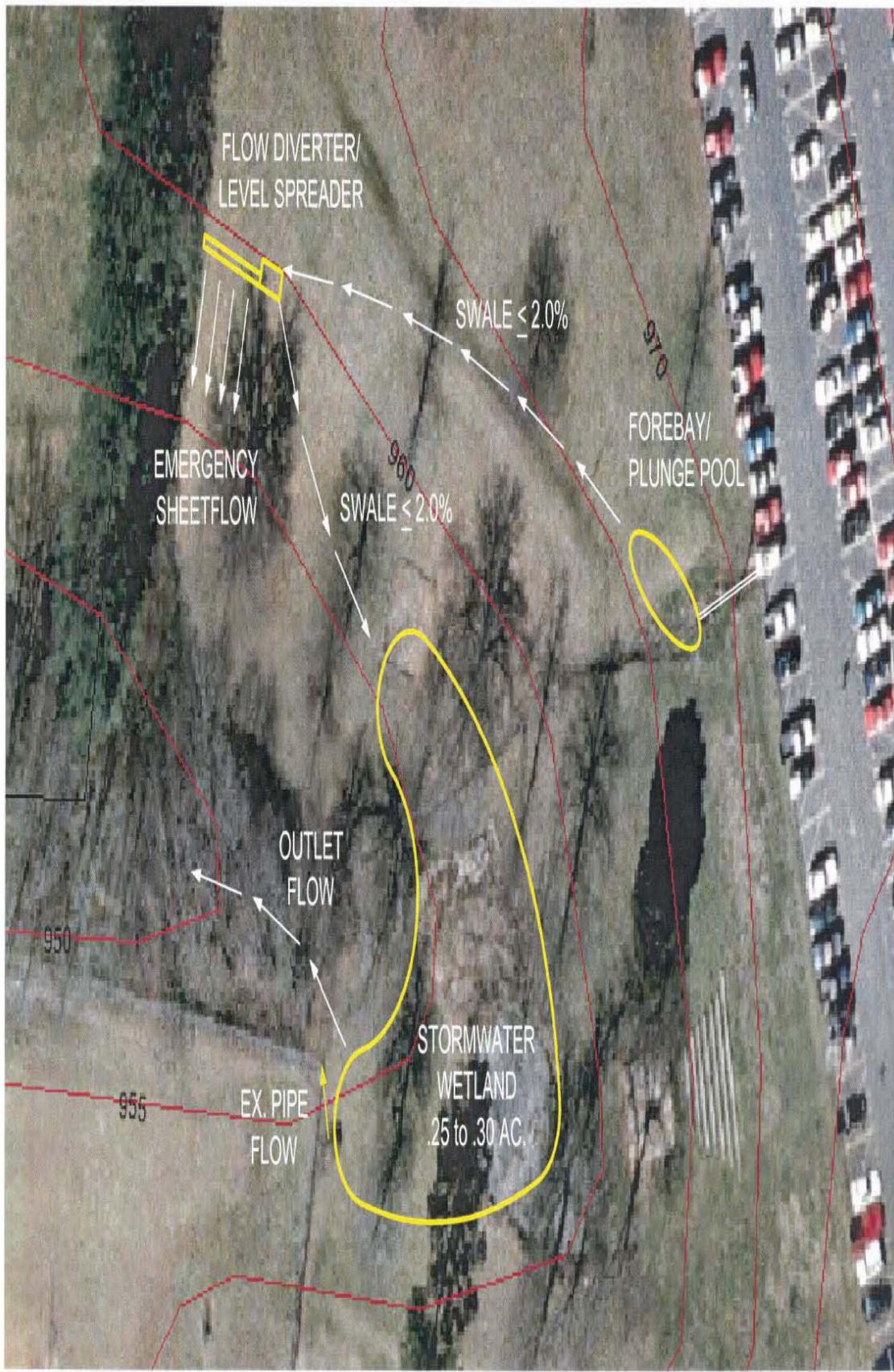
- __ Watershed Management Plan: This planning document is the cumulative effort of the last two years of all stakeholders within the planning process. It will provide a list of recommendations as to how water quality can be improved within the watershed planning area.
- __ Project Atlas: This will be a document comprised of maps that denote areas of prioritization for stream and wetland restoration, enhancement and preservation. It will also denote the locations of potential BMP project sites within Lincoln and Gaston Counties.
- __ Education: Inclusion of educational opportunities for policy makers in Lincoln County as well as residents and school age children will be a priority.
- __ Grant Funding: Identified areas that are denoted within the Watershed Management Plan and Project Atlas will be higher priority to receive grant funding should stakeholders decide to move forward with a specific denoted project area. Grant applications would hold more weight if they are backed with a grounded planning document identifying watershed needs.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Displays the current conditions of the West Lincoln High School Site.

Attachment 2: Displays the West Lincoln High School Preliminary Project Design for a stormwater wetland retrofit.





Motion to Approve the NCDOT's Proposal to Allow Semi-trucks with tandem-trailers on US 321, from Gastonia to Hickory: Mr. Wood stated that he received information from the NC Department of Transportation that they would be proposing a change to allow twin (dual) trailers with semi-tractors on US 321 from I-40 in Catawba County to I-85 in Gaston County. US 321 has been built to interstate standards as a limited access highway. There is no interstate highway in Lincoln County. US 321 makes us an ideal location for distribution centers and manufacturing because you can access either I-85 or I-40 very easily. It would be a detriment to our economic development program not to allow twin trailers on US 321, when they are allowed on interstate highways.

Mr. Barry Matherly, LEDA Executive Director, who has indicated that the change would be beneficial for our current and future industrial concerns. Mr. Wood has also received letters of endorsement from the Lincoln County Industrial Park Owner's Association, Inc. and from the Industrial Managers Association of Lincoln County.

Mr. Wood recommended that the Board endorse the NCDOT's proposal to allow semi-tractors with twin (dual) trailers on US 321 from I-40 to I-85.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Mitchem, the Board voted unanimously to approve NCDOT's Proposal to Allow Semi-trucks with tandem-trailers on US 321, from Gastonia to Hickory.

Discussion and Possible Action on Space Needs Study: George Wood stated that the study has been completed showing all the space needed until 2030. As part of that, the management staff reviewed with the Architects the requests from all the departments and made some cuts at that time. Mr. Wood presented financial information concerning this project, saying that roughly \$27 million can be spent on the project without a tax increase. This is due to the fact that the debt service on the county's portion is going down. If the debt service is left in the budget, as the principal and interest money goes down. This money would be used for certificates of participation on these projects. In this way, the project could be funded without a tax increase.

Mr. Wood said the Architectural Services Contract for the study was a stand-alone contract. It did not include a phase for actual design. He said if the Board wants to move forward on the renovations, a request for qualifications for architectural services should be prepared. Then the finalists will be interviewed and a contract will be negotiated with the one most qualified to do the work.

Mr. Wood said he, along with Martha Lide and Burns Whittaker, has looked at the matter in depth and they are recommending the following course of action:

1 – authorize Mr. Wood to begin the RFQ process to select and negotiate a fee for architectural services – that contract would be divided into 2 phases. Phase one would be to prepare a schematic design phase, the detailed floor plans for all four floors of the

hospital building and both floors of the medical arts building. This phase allows Mr. Whittaker, Ms. Lide and himself to participate with the architects to see if further spaces can be removed through sharing of conference rooms, work areas, break areas, and similar features. This also allows them to look once more at the actual square footage needs for each space. This phase will also look at the floor and wall treatments, which will differ depending on the use of the space. With this phase, the architect should get within about \$2 million on the construction price. The final part of this phase will be a thorough review in a work session by the Board of Commissioners to go through each space. The Board would vote on the schematic design before moving forward to phase 2. The recommendation is that the negotiated contract would say that the architect is not to move forward with phase 2 until the Board of Commissioners authorizes it.

Phase 2, if the Board agrees with the floor plans and the rooms are laid out, the Board will authorize the architect to go into full design plans and specifications, bid and contract documents and review of bids, and possible construction observation services.

The second thing the Board needs to decide is either the standard method of design, bid, build or the method of construction manager at risk. He said they are recommending the construction manager at risk method.

Burns Whittaker presented the pros and cons of the design, bid, build method and the construction manager at risk method.

Commissioner Carlton asked if the Board will continue to try and market the building while moving forward with these designs. He asked the costs of the design.

Mr. Whittaker stated that the cost should be between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

Mr. Wood stated that until this design is completed, there is no way to make the comparison as to what it would cost to remodel this facility versus what a new facility would cost.

The Board discussed marketing the building versus remodeling. They also discussed marketing the building during the schematic design period.

A MOTION by Commissioner Carlton to take RFQ's for the schematic design for the hospital building, phases one and two, negotiating both phases with the understanding that we may only do phase one.

VOTE: 4- 1 AYES: Carlton, Patton, Klein, Arena
NOES: Mitchem

Discussion and Vote on Civil Case Regarding Sheriff Daugherty: Chairman Patton asked the Board what their feelings are on the case coming up. He said when these proceedings were started, there was an indicted Sheriff and this is no longer the case.

A MOTION by Commissioner Mitchem to voluntarily dismiss the civil case.

Vote: 4 – 1

AYES: Carlton, Patton, Arena, Klein

NOES: Mitchem

Capital Project Reports – Burns Whittaker: Burns Whittaker presented the Capital Project Reports.

Finance Officer's Report: Leon Harmon presented the Finance Officer's Report.

County Manager's Report: George Wood presented the County Manager's Report.

County Attorney's Report: Jeff Taylor gave an update on Operation Noah's Ark.

Vacancies/Appointments: **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Carlton, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Louis McConnell to the Board of Adjustment for a one-year term and to reappoint Bill Piersol as an Alternate Board of Adjustment member.

Calendar: Chairman Patton presented the March 2010 calendar.

Other Business: Mr. Wood recommended that if the Board wanted to change the health insurance policy to not cover abortions, that they consider whether to make exceptions for the following conditions and possible others:

- Medical circumstances that pose a threat to the mother
- Rape of the mother
- Incest against the mother
- Therapeutic reduction for multiple pregnancies
- Whether the fetus is viable.
- Whether the fetus has known birth defects.

Mr. Wood recommended approving the first 4 bullet points.

A MOTION by Commissioner Carlton to approve the change in the health insurance policy to not cover abortions, with exceptions for the following conditions:

- Medical circumstances that pose a threat to the mother
- Rape of the mother
- Incest against the mother
- Therapeutic reduction for multiple pregnancies
- Whether the fetus is viable

Chairman Patton said he is not for the last bullet point. Commissioner Arena stated that he would be in favor of the first four bullet points.

Commissioner Carlton amended his motion to approve the change in the health insurance policy to not cover abortions, with exceptions for the following conditions:

- Medical circumstances that pose a threat to the mother
- Rape of the mother
- Incest against the mother
- Therapeutic reduction for multiple pregnancies

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Mitchem stated that he would like to look into a committee being formed to discuss incorporation of eastern Lincoln County. Mr. Wood asked Jeff Taylor to research the incorporation laws in North Carolina and give a step-by-step procedural guide of what is involved.

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

Amy S. Atkins, Clerk
Board of Commissioners

Alex E. Patton, Chairman
Board of Commissioners