

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2003, 6:30 PM
SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF LINDEN

PRESENT: Chairman Talmage S. Baggett, Jr.
Vice Chairman Jeannette Council
Commissioner Breeden Blackwell
Commissioner Kenneth Edge
Commissioner John Henley
Commissioner Billy King
Commissioner Ed Melvin
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager
Cliff Spiller, Assistant County Manager
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney
Mitzi Champion, Public Information Officer
Nancy Roy, Planning/Inspections Director
Larry Philpott, Parks & Recreation Director
Bob Stanger, Engineering Department Director
Tom Cooney, Utility Department Director
Wally Ainsworth, Ambulance Service Director
Monroe Rascoe, Animal Control Director
Denise Sykes, Planning Department
Mary Alice Underwood, Community Development
Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the Board
Ann Hymes, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Mayor Leo Kelly – Town of Linden
Commissioner Frances Collier
Commissioner Ronnie Maness
Sue Giles, Town Clerk

The purpose of this Special Meeting is to allow the Board of Linden to discuss any governmental concerns with the Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Baggett called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order. The Linden Town Board did not have a quorum present.

Report on the Linden Water & Sewer Project

Tom Cooney, Utilities Department Director, said in May 2003 the Board of Commissioners authorized an agreement with an engineering consultant firm, Marziano and Manier of Asheboro, NC, to provide the engineering and complete the application process for the Linden Water & Sewer District application for U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Water Grants. Mr. Cooney and Consultant Hiram Marziano have met with the Linden District Citizen Advisory Group (LCAG) twice. A rough timetable of project milestones as well as projected routes for the

proposed water mains was discussed at the meetings. There are three potential scenarios being considered at this time. The first option is for the Linden Water & Sewer District (District) to stand alone and operate in areas outside of already established water service zones. This option would have the District consider building its own water treatment plant and would require the District to provide billing services and maintenance or subcontract these services.

The second option would be for the District to contract with the Town of Linden to provide water, maintenance and billing services to customers after the distribution system has been constructed and installed.

The third option would be for the District to assume or purchase existing systems in the area and operate as one utility providing water and sewer service for the entire District. The District would oversee daily operations, maintenance and billing, or it would contract these services out. The consultant will evaluate the three options and recommend the most cost effective plan. He will make his recommendation by the middle of November and submit the application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in December. The projected date to begin construction is 2004-2005, and service to the customers is projected to begin toward the end of 2005 or the beginning of 2006.

There was a discussion about arsenic found in well water in the local area. Mr. Baggett suggested that anyone with those concerns should have their water tested by the Health Department.

Other Matters of Concern

There were no other matters of concern. Mayor Kelly thanked all the commissioners for attending.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:00 PM

Ann Hymes, Deputy Clerk

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TOWN HALL MEETING

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County Staff

The purpose of this meeting is to allow the residents in the Linden area to discuss any concerns they may have with the Board of Commissioners.

Speakers

1. Terry Samperton stated that the 401 North Auction is an eyesore. He said the property is unkept and it is a disgrace to Cumberland County.

Nancy Roy, Planning and Inspections Director for the County, stated she will have her staff inspect the property and see if the problem can be resolved.

2. Clara Jones said there is water standing in the street by her house every time it rains. There are no drainage ditches or anywhere for the water to go. She asked if there was anything that could be done about the problem. Her property is not in the city limits.

Tom Cooney, County Utility Department Director, will follow-up with Storm Water Utility personnel to see if anything can be done. Also Ray Stone, DOT representative, will be notified.

3. John Smith inquired if street lights could be extended to include the street where he lives.

Mr. Smith lives outside the city limits therefore the Town of Linden is not responsible to provide street lights.

4. Maxton Williams, resident of Riverfield Farms, spoke about water runoff problems coming from Tarheel Specialties, Inc. on Ramsey Street. He also remarked that the company's lights shine into his child's bedroom and asked if anything could be done.

Grainger Barrett, County Attorney, suggested seeking legal advice to resolve the runoff problem. Tom Cooney will discuss the water problem with the Storm Water Advisory Board. Chairman Baggett noted that sometimes lights can be directed away from neighboring houses.

5. Tracy Brooks, resident of Riverfield Farms, said groundwater from the 401 North Auction and Tarheel Specialties gushes into his yard when it rains. He has put sandbags around his property. The water has washed away his grass and he worries about mosquitoes breeding in the standing water.

Commissioner Blackwell suggested that Tom Cooney and the Storm Water Advisory Board seek cooperation from the business owners.

6. John Stubbs stated the ground around his property is graded in such a way that he gets a lot of runoff water. He stated the developer did try to correct the problem but more needs to be done.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:10 PM

Ann Hymes, Deputy Clerk