

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners General Government Committee held a work session on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. Those present were Chairman H. Wade Johnson, Commissioner Darrell Henderson, District One; Commissioner Rob Robinson, District Four; and Mrs. Roxanne B. Ashmore, County Clerk.

1.

Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Robinson, Chairman of the General Government Committee, called the meeting to order.

2.

Invocation

Sheriff Gerald Lawson opened the meeting with prayer

3.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed the invocation.

4.

Inmate Meals

Sheriff Gerald Lawson came before the committee to discuss inmate food services. He said that currently the inmates are preparing the meals and that they are not supposed to be preparing food without supervision. He said that there is no one qualified in the jail to make sure the meals are nutritional.

Sheriff Lawson recommended contracting out the inmate food service. He said that last year's budget for food was approximately \$100,000. He said that he feels it will cost at least this much for next year, plus now they are being taxed for the food being brought in.

Sheriff Lawson introduced Mr. Charlie Hartsfield of Valley Services, Inc., a food service company.

Mr. Hartsfield said that contracting out the inmate meals takes the liability away from the county. He said that the state law requires that the kitchen be managed by someone who is serve safe certified. He said that the company does all of the ordering, bringing in the food, and making sure it meets the caloric requirements. He said that whenever the kitchen is open, the company will have someone certified there.

Mr. Hartsfield said the approximately cost for the service would be between \$128,000 to \$130,000.

This was given as information only. No action was needed by the committee at this time.

5.

Adjourn

The work session was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

H. Wade Johnson, Chairman

Roxanne B. Ashmore, County Clerk