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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON**

**CANE CREEK WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
JULY 18, 2007**

The Cane Creek Water & Sewer District Board met for a regularly scheduled meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Henderson County Office Building at 100 North King Street, Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Present were: Chairman Bill Moyer, Vice-Chairman Charlie Messer, Commissioner Mark Williams, Commissioner Larry Young, Commissioner Chuck McGrady, County Manager Steve Wyatt, Assistant Assistant County Manager Selena Coffey, County Attorney Russ Burrell, and Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn.

Also present were: Planning Director Anthony Starr, Communications Officer Pam Brice, Human Resources Director Jan Prichard, Deputy Clerk to the Board Terry Wilson, Fire Marshal Rocky Hyder, IT Director Becky Snyder, Veterans Services Officer Mike Murdock, Engineer Marcus Jones, Elections Director Beverly Cunningham, Assistant Elections Director Karen Hebb, Library Director Bill Snyder, Animal Services Manager Brenda Miller, Research/Budget Analyst Amy Brantley, Building Services Director Sam Laughter, Associate County Attorney Sarah Zambon, Detention Center Captain Greg Cochran, Animal Services Officers Matt Jacobson and Ken Johnson, and Code Enforcement Director Toby Linville.

Commissioner McGrady made the motion for the Board to convene as Cane Creek Water & Sewer District Board. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

County Engineer Marcus Jones stated that this agenda item was to increase rates for the Cane Creek Water & Sewer District to reflect exactly the rate increase put on Cane Creek by MSD. The wastewater collected by the Cane Creek Water and Sewer District (CCWSD) sewer system is treated by the Metropolitan Sewage District of Buncombe County (MSD). Effective July 1, 2007 the amount that MSD charges the CCWSD for wastewater treatment will increase from \$4.40 per 1,000 gallons to \$4.57 per 1,000 gallons (4% increase).

Staff recommended passing the additional cost on to the CCWSD sewer customers. If the CCWSD sewer rates are increased, as proposed, the monthly sewer bill for the average homeowner will increase by \$.77 (seventy-seven cents).

Commissioner Messer informed the Board of Commissioners that the CCWSD was aware of this as it had been an agenda item in their last meeting. The CCWSD had made a motion to approve the rate increase and the motion passed.

Commissioner Messer made the motion that the Board of Commissioners approve the 4% rate increase to the Cane Creek Water & Sewer District. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Messer stated that he and Chairman Moyer had met with Fletcher Council members at the Fletcher Sub-Station. They have a new sub-station out on Hwy 25 in Naples. They must have their septic pumped approximately every 10-14 days. The rate is approximately \$150.00 per pumping. If the state were to come in and shut them down, there would be a new sub-station that could not be used because of inadequate sewer. CCWSD has collected a bid of \$133,000.00 to construct this sewer line. There are several pieces of property around this line that could benefit from it and should be asked to help pay for the sewer line. This line would be for business/industrial use, not residential. CCWSD is trying to figure

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out a formula to help offset some of the cost of this line. The CCWSD voted unanimously to come up with a formula using linear road frontage.

Chairman Moyer stated that this involved issues with the Highway Department and who could contract with them; how we deal with Hwy 25 and I-26 and the cost of this is escalated from a very small amount to a very significant amount to a point that the Fire Department has come in and asked for some assistance. They were asking the Cane Creek Water & Sewer District to help offset the cost of this line. Chairman Moyer feels that this is how it should be handled but there are going to be four or five other properties that benefit in a major way. The concept is that CCWSD would go ahead and pay for the line out of Cane Creek Water & Sewer but those properties that would benefit from the line and wanted to tap in would have to make a contribution in aid of the capital construction in a ten year period. The Board must authorize the funding of the project with a contingent basis that a contribution would be made of construction agreement along the lines they had discussed.

Commissioner Williams requested that this item be tabled until he had more information available to him.

Commissioner Messer was not sure how long the bid was good as it was already two months old.

Chairman Moyer requested that Marcus Jones check the time-frame of the bid and come back to the Board at the August 2 meeting.

Chairman Moyer made the motion to continue the CCWSD meeting until August 2 at 7:00 in the Commissioners' Conference Room to discuss the matter of the sewer line for Fletcher Station #2 location and other properties. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Commissioner McGrady made the motion for the Board to adjourn as Cane Creek Water & Sewer District Board and reconvene as Henderson County Board of Commissioners.

Attest:

Terry Wilson, Deputy Clerk to the Board

William L. Moyer, Chairman