

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2008

SUBJECT: Support for a Resolution of Endorsement – WNC Beef Cattle Commission

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The WNC Beef Cattle Commission of WNC Communities recently approved a Resolution of Endorsement strongly endorsing a project to re-open a viable, long-term livestock market in western North Carolina. A feasibility study for such a market was funded by the Tobacco Trust Fund Commission. The study clearly indicated that the market was viable and timely for such a reopening. The proposed location for the market in Haywood County is the result of an in-depth study of seven different locations in western North Carolina.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to support the Resolution of Endorsement adopted by the WNC Beef Cattle Commission of WNC Communities as presented.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board of Commissioners support the Resolution of Endorsement adopted by the WNC Beef Cattle Commission of WNC Communities as presented.

RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT

We the members of the WNC Beef Cattle Commission of WNC Communities, in our meeting on October 28, 2008 listened intently to a progress report on a project to re-open a viable, long-term livestock market in Western North Carolina, a project first introduced at our meeting a one year ago, at which time it was strongly supported with members participating in a feasibility survey.

UNDERSTANDING THAT:

WHEREAS, many of the 3000 livestock producers in Western North Carolina consider themselves burdened, both by cost and time, due to the absence of a quality livestock market in the region, and,

WHEREAS, we (the Commission) empowered a subcommittee to explore the feasibility of re-opening the local market, and

WHEREAS, the Tobacco Trust Fund Commission funded the feasibility study, and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study clearly indicates the market is viable and timely for the reopening, and

WHEREAS, the sub-committee has dutifully responded with a proposed market that meets the criteria of a viable, long-term market, with a high probability of success, and

WHEREAS, the proposed location in Haywood County is the result of an in-depth study of seven potential locations conducted and decided by the sub-committee, and

WHEREAS, International Paper, Inc. is cooperating to make the site available in a long-term, low cost lease, and

WHEREAS, numerous producers have given written pledges to utilize the facility stated in the proposal for this location, provided it is a competitive, viable, long-term market, and

WHEREAS, Western North Carolina producers, commission members, area leaders, and elected officials have rallied behind this proposed market, to ensure its success, and

WHEREAS, this proposed market provides the region a long-term solution to the chronic lack of reliable and adequate sized local market,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

We approve this Resolution of Endorsement and strongly endorse the proposed market.