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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 8, 2010**

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a special called meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Henderson County Historic Courthouse.

Those present were: Chairman Bill Moyer, Vice-Chairman Mark Williams, Commissioner Larry Young, Commissioner Charlie Messer, Commissioner Chuck McGrady, County Manager Steve Wyatt, Assistant County Manager Selena Coffey, Planning Director Anthony Starr, Engineer Marcus Jones, Planner Hope Bleecker, PIO Christy DeStefano and Clerk to the Board Teresa L. Wilson.

Also present were members of NCDOT (North Carolina Department of Transportation) who are named later.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Moyer called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance, stating that the purpose of the meeting was a Public Hearing with NCDOT regarding the secondary road program for Henderson County. He recognized Conrad Burrell, NCDOT Division Representative.

SECONDARY ROAD PROGRAM FOR HENDERSON COUNTY

Conrad Burrell, Division Head Representative, stated the purpose of the meeting is to share with the Board the proposed secondary road program for the next three (3) fiscal years and address questions by the Board. A hand-out was provided which included improvements to pave secondary roads.

Mr. Burrell introduced some of the NCDOT representatives who were present:

Joel Setzer, Division Engineer
Brian Burch, Division Maintenance Engineer
Mark Gibbs, District Engineer
Steve Cannon, County Maintenance Engineer.
Jabo Pressley, Road Supervisor
Tim Smith, Road Supervisor

Henderson County's share of the secondary construction and secondary trust monies is anticipated to be \$1,340,000.00 for each fiscal year and the purpose of the proposed plan is based upon the amount and NCDOT's cash availability for this year.

Mr. Burrell then recognized Division Engineer Joel Setzer.

Joel Setzer stated this is a required meeting by General Statute. This is also an opportunity to discuss transportation in general. Several years ago NCDOT brought a cut-back, delayed programming of roads to be built in the future. The cash that goes behind these allocations for secondary road programs has been restored. NCDOT has weathered the economic downturn. NCDOT believes the cash projections that fund these projects will be there to construct the proposed projects. The allocations however are less due to a change in the formula, where in the past each county received a pro-rata share of money based off the unpaved mileage in a county, now is the pro-rata share of the paved and unpaved secondary road mileage in a county. It was a logical move on behalf of the General Assembly because the money was

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being used more for paved road improvements than unpaved road improvements over time due to the right-of-way situation on the remaining unpaved roads.

Chairman Moyer questioned if the affect of the new allocation means that Western North Carolina will receive less secondary road money.

Mr. Setzer responded yes for secondary road improvements. He stated they have a high percentage of the unpaved mileage but many of those unpaved roads were from attempts to get the right-of-way and the people did not want to give the right-of-way for various reasons including some that did not want their roads paved. This affected their entire region and not just Henderson County. They receive a separate fund for maintenance of roads and the fund in question is mainly for improvements (i.e. strengthening of a base, taking out a curve, paving, and new qualifying road placed on their system and brought up to standards) which is also a formula based off of a mileage prorated share which goes directly to Henderson County for the upkeep of secondary roads.

Mr. Setzer responding to Commissioner Messer stated as of 2008, there were 95 miles of unpaved roads remaining in Henderson County.

Mark Gibbs came forward and reviewed the hand-out which included \$341,119.00 of both unallocated and unexpended funds for fiscal year 2011. This includes roads that were in the red for one reason or another either construction cost over-run or they were under funded in programming and additional funds had to be allocated or use those funds to cover those overdrafts. They include countywide surveys, WBSL, which enables the NCDOT to be able to do their construction staking and stake for right-of-way. A copy of the allocations list is hereby attached and incorporated as part of the minutes.

Chairman Moyer asked if Sugarloaf Road was part of the TIP project, why the utility relocation was included as part of the secondary road.

Mr. Gibbs responded it was a different section and not included in the TIP project.

Chairman Moyer referred to the shortage carried forward of \$838,451.00.

Mr. Gibbs stated with the carryover of the shortage \$502,260.00 were remaining for fiscal year 2011.

Mr. Gibbs discussed the construction of the access road to the county landfill stating \$357,000.00 had been set aside for this project.

Chairman Moyer requested verification on the access road cost. He was under the impression that the money would come from state capital money and would not affect the maintenance of local roads.

Mr. Gibbs responded it would not affect the local maintenance budget. The agreement with Henderson County is that NCDOT will build the road and in return their tipping fees would be waived. This would allow them to use those monies for other roads.

Chairman Moyer questioned where the money that was saved on tipping fees would show up in expenditures and how the Board could see where the additional maintenance money was spent.

Mr. Gibbs stated it would be in Mr. Cannon's County Maintenance budget that is programmed each year for patching potholes, cleaning out ditches, routine maintenance.

Commissioner Messer noted that the landfill project was budgeted for 2011 and 2012 and felt this should be a top priority. He questioned the possibility of moving it up the charts for 2011.

Mr. Gibbs felt the construction schedule would help the Board to understand how the two year process would work. Basically with the permitting and planning for the landfill it is unlikely the County will start the project until fall. The access road will be started about the same time around September. The construction will carry through the winter into next spring, possibly summer, before it will actually be completed. Because the construction and the actual new entrance to the landfill will not be operational until next spring or summer anyway, their 2012 budget (available July 2011) has money allotted for the construction of the new turn lane which should coincide with the opening of the new landfill.

Chairman Moyer questioned the surveys done each year in the range of \$70,000.

Mr. Gibbs responded every year a certain amount is allocated for each county to keep the survey staff, technicians, assistant district engineer and his surveying staff which is a charge to these WBSL elements because they spend a majority of their time working on either staking them for right-of-way, making contacts with property owners, preparing erosion control plans for the projects, etc. This is the preliminary staff and the preliminary work that goes into making these projects happen.

Commissioner Messer questioned the amount of dollars spent for winter clean-up this year compared to past years.

Mr. Setzer responded it was more but he did not have the numbers with him. The state, in their allocation of maintenance dollars, does have part of an off of the top reimbursement for extra efforts for snow and ice.

Commissioner Young inquired about Oak Grove Road and Crest Road and the fact that they had come and gone from the list. The traffic on Oak Grove Road has really increased and needs to be resurfaced.

Mr. Gibbs stated it can be but they have not been able to get right-of-way from the property owners to do any improvements. He suggested this issue be taken by the Transportation Advisory Committee as a possible future TIP project.

Selena Coffey questioned the improvements to Rutledge Road and Fanning Bridge Road.

Mr. Gibbs responded an actuated flasher has been added which helped some. What they would like to do is realign the intersection and change the vertical alignment as well. This may take right-of-way from the landowners to do that. He feels they already have the right-of-way on Rutledge Road.

Commissioner Messer inquired to information from Raleigh in regards to county funding for road maintenance.

Mr. Setzer responded this is seldom mentioned at meetings in Raleigh.

Commissioner McGrady noted the secretary made it clear it was not part of the department's agenda to switch. Mr. McGrady asked Mr. Setzer what the expected completion dates were for the following projects:

Upward Road

September, 2013

June 8, 2010

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Hwy 25 Connector
64 West
Howard Gap

September, 2011
2011
Hopeful for TIP program

Commissioner McGrady made the motion that the Board approves the secondary road program for 2011. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Public Input

There was none.

Being no further business to come before the Board, *Commissioner McGrady made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

Attest:

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board

William L. Moyer, Chairman

SECONDARY ROAD PROGRAM - HENDERSON COUNTY - FISCAL YEAR 2011

Balance of Prior Fiscal Year Allocations (Unallocated + Unexpended) =

\$ 341,119.00

Prior Fiscal Year Programmed Projects:

Project	Project Limits	Length	Scope	Estimated Cost to Complete
14C.045008	Countywide	N/A	Spot Stab., Safety Impr., Road Add., Trust	\$ -
14C.045069	Countywide	N/A	Spot Stab., Safety Impr., Road Add., Highway	\$ -
14C.045068	Countywide	N/A	Countywide Surveys	\$ 65,270.00
SR 1793, Tracy Grove Road	SR 1525 to SR 1006	N/A	Utility Relocations	\$ 223,000.00
SR 1783, Upward Road	SR 1006 to SR 1724	N/A	Utility Relocations	\$ 25,000.00
SR 1563, Huckleberry Mtn. Rd.	SR 1562 to End of Maintenance	0.58	Grade, Drain, Base, and Pave Unpaved Road	\$ 3,600.00
SR 1836B, Pot Shoals/CampCr.	US 176 to US 176	4.16	Grade, Drain, Base, and Pave Unpaved Road	\$ 6,200.00
SR 1249, Glassy Mountain Rd	SR 1123 to End of Maintenance	0.26	Grade, Drain, Base, and Pave Unpaved Road	\$ 16,200.00
SR 1171, Cummings Road	US 64 to SR 1210	2.44	Paved Road Improvement	\$ 458,000.00
SR 1114C, Pinnacle Mtn. Rd	SR 1109 for approximately 3.0 miles	3.00	Grade, Drain, Base, and Pave Unpaved Road	\$ 345,000.00
SR 1819, E James St	SR 1811 for 1309 feet	0.25	Grade, Drain, Base, and Pave Unpaved Road	\$ 37,300.00
Total Remaining Cost for Prior Programmed Projects =				\$ 1,179,570.00

Balance Carried Forward

\$ (838,451.00)

Fiscal Year 2011 Allocations =

\$ 1,340,711.00

Available to Program Fiscal Year 2011=

\$ 502,260.00

Fiscal Year 2011 Program:

Project	Project Limits	Length	Scope	Estimated Cost to Complete
14C.045008	Countywide	N/A	Spot Stab., Safety Impr., Road Add., Trust	\$ 35,000.00
14C.045069	Countywide	N/A	Spot Stab., Safety Impr., Road Add., Highway	\$ 35,000.00
14C.045068	Countywide	N/A	Countywide Surveys	\$ 75,000.00
14C.045134	Countywide	N/A	Safety Signage Improvements	\$ -
County Landfill Access	Approx. 600' from SR 1381/1383 Intersection	800'	Construct Access Road to Landfill	\$ 357,000.00
Total Programmed with 2011 and Prior Year Funds=				\$ 502,000.00

Balance Forward to Fiscal Year 2012=

\$ 260.00

Anticipated Fiscal Year 2012 Allocations =

\$ 1,340,711.00

Available to Program Fiscal Year 2012=

\$ 1,340,971.00

Fiscal Year 2012 Anticipated Program:

Project	Project Limits	Length	Scope	Estimated Cost to Complete
14C.045008	Countywide	N/A	Spot Stab., Safety Impr., Road Add., Trust	\$ 35,000.00
14C.045069	Countywide	N/A	Spot Stab., Safety Impr., Road Add., Highway	\$ 35,000.00
14C.045068	Countywide	N/A	Countywide Surveys	\$ 75,000.00
14C.045134	Countywide	N/A	Safety Signage Improvements	\$ 13,407.00
County Landfill Access	Intersection of SR 1383/SR 1381 for 0.22 miles	0.22	Left Turn Lane to Access Landfill	\$ 146,400.00
SR 1758, Glover Road	US 176 to entrance to Jackson Park	0.62	Curb and Gutter, Drain, and Pave	\$ 775,000.00
SR 1353, Hooper Lane	NC 191 to SR 1345	1.41	Grade, Drain, Base, and Pave Unpaved Road	\$ 260,000.00
Total Programmed with 2012 and Prior Year Funds=				\$ 1,339,807.00

Balance Forward to Fiscal Year 2013=

\$ 1,164.00

Anticipated Fiscal Year 2013 Allocations =

\$ 1,340,711.00

Available to Program Fiscal Year 2013=

\$ 1,341,875.00

Fiscal Year 2013 Anticipated Program:

Project	Project Limits	Length	Scope	Estimated Cost to Complete
14C.045008	Countywide	N/A	Spot Stab., Safety Impr., Road Add., Trust	\$ 40,000.00
14C.045069	Countywide	N/A	Spot Stab., Safety Impr., Road Add., Highway	\$ 40,000.00
14C.045068	Countywide	N/A	Countywide Surveys	\$ 72,000.00
14C.045134	Countywide	N/A	Safety Signage Improvements	\$ 13,407.00
SR 1180, Blythe Street	NC 191 to US 64	0.56	Curb and Gutter, Drain, and Pave	\$ 725,000.00
SR 1359, Rutledge	SR 1358 to Buncombe County Line	0.89	Paved Road Improvement/ Intersection Realignment	\$ 450,000.00
Total Programmed with 2013 and Prior Year Funds=				\$ 1,340,407.00

Balance Forward to Fiscal Year 2014=

\$ 1,468.00