

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: August 3, 2015

SUBJECT: WHKP – Channel 11

PRESENTER: Steve Wyatt

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

1. Letter from WHKP
2. Resolution of Appreciation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Several years ago, the County entered into an agreement with WHKP to provide community information on Henderson County's Channel 11. With WHKP's recent addition of sign-on WHKP 107.7 FM, their signal will now cover all of the Henderson County cable population. With that addition, the broadcast provided on Channel 11 will no longer be needed for that community information source. Therefore, WHKP requests the Board's permission to remove their signal from Channel 11.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to grant WHKP permission to remove their signal from Channel 11, and to adopt the attached Resolution of Appreciation as presented.

Suggested Motion(s):

I move that the Board grant WHKP permission to remove their signal from Channel 11.

I further move the Board adopt the Resolution of Appreciation for the many years of service provided to the citizens of Henderson County by WHKP, through their presence on Channel 11.

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July 20, 2015

TO: Henderson County Commissioners

RE: Morris Broadband – CABLE Channel 11

- 1) Having brought cable television to Henderson County in the late 1960's, WHKP has been a featured entity on cable TV since its very inception.
- 2) WHKP entered into an agreement with county commissioners to relieve Henderson County of the responsibility and expenses of providing community announcements and emergency messages to cable customers, broadcasting critical news and weather announcements within our regular programming services.
- 3) Now, with the sign-on of WHKP 107.7 FM it is apparent that our signal will cover all of the Henderson County cable population during both day and night-time hours to the point that our service to cable customers on Channel 11 will no longer be needed.
- 4) Morris Broadband Cable now has the automatic electronic capability to warn county residents of eminent danger through the Federal Emergency Broadcast System.
- 5) WHKP recommends that no radio station – local or area, commercial or non-commercial – be featured on Channel 11, but rather a non-commercial background music service be engaged for times when there is no television programs being broadcast by the county.

It has been the extreme pleasure of WHKP RADIO to have professionally 'fulfilled' this important service to the Henderson County Commissioners and county residents through the Cable TV system and Channel 11, and now requests the permission of the Henderson County Commissions to leave the channel when a non-commercial music service is in place.

Sincerely,

ART COOLEY

President and General Manager

Where the Heavens Kiss the Peaks



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RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF WHKP'S SERVICE TO HENDERSON COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners recognizes that WHKP has provided service to the citizens of Henderson County by providing background audio for the local government channel (HCTV-11); and

WHEREAS, that background audio provided community announcements, emergency messages to cable customers, critical news and weather announcements, and local sports broadcasts; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, WHKP has provided this service free of charge; and

WHEREAS, WHKP has worked with Henderson County to refine and maintain this service so that the best quality audio could be transmitted through HCTV-11 to the citizens of Henderson County; and

WHEREAS, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners recognizes and appreciates WHKP for their performance and dedicated years of service in providing HCTV-11 with audio background;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby extend our warmest appreciation to WHKP for its service to the citizens of Henderson County.

Resolved, this 3rd day of August 2015.

THOMAS H. THOMPSON, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board