

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: July 20, 2016

SUBJECT: Mountain Community School

PRESENTER: John Mitchell, Business and Community Development Director

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1) USDA Letter

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Mountain Community School is planning to add a gym and ten classrooms to allow for an expansion to two classes per grade, kindergarten through eighth grade. The total estimated cost of the expansion is \$3.2 Million. Construction is planned to begin in the fall of 2017.

The School is applying for a loan from USDA Rural Development to complete the project. One of the requirements of the application is a letter of approval from the Board of Commissioners. A draft of the letter is attached.

Additionally, the school is seeking space at the Henderson County Athletic and Activity Center (AAC) to house three classes during the 2017 school year while construction is taking place. This space could be accommodated on the first floor of the classroom building located at the AAC.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorize the Chairman to sign the USDA Rural Development approval letter, and direct staff to negotiate a lease for one year of classroom space at the AAC.

Suggested Motion(s):

I move that the Board Authorize the Chairman to sign the USDA Rural Development approval letter, and direct staff to negotiate a lease for one year of classroom space at the AAC.

July 20, 2016

Randall Gore, State Director
USDA Rural Development
4405 Bland Road
Raleigh, North Carolina 27609

Mr. Gore:

We have recently been made aware of a proposed expansion of the Mountain Community School in Hendersonville, North Carolina. The Board of Directors of the school contacted Henderson County about the proposed United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development loan to complete the project.

This letter is to serve as the Board of Commissioners acknowledgement and support of the project, which is required for the loan application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Tommy Thompson
Chairman of the Henderson County Board of Commissioners