

A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Fiscal year 2008-2009 was one of the most challenging I have seen during my twenty-five years in government. The economic slowdown curtailed revenues, especially in sales tax and development fees. The fuel shortages of the summer of 2008 required on even greater commitment to fuel conservation. Growing demands for service in Human Services and Law Enforcement stretched those resources thin. All the while pressures from both Federal and State government actions continued to chip away at our ability to serve our constituents. But through it all Henderson County government not only met these challenges but continued to establish our position as a leader among North Carolina's one hundred counties.

Overcoming this adversity, we improved the county's financial standing by reducing operational costs, conservative financial forecasting and setting high expectations within each county agency. New energy efficient elementary schools at Mills River and Hillandale neared completion at substantial savings. A county-wide Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) program was implemented by the Sheriff's Department. Emergency Medical Services provided urgent medical assistance to thousands of county residents. Social services continued to protect our most vulnerable population, the young and the elderly, and the list goes on.

All of these accomplishments are ever more notable given the fact that Henderson County property owners had the 18th lowest tax rate in the state during 2008-2009 and the lowest in the region. No property tax increase will occur in 2009-2010. Again no small accomplishment given the times in which we live.

Steve Wyatt, County Manager

2009 REPORT TO THE CITIZENS



Henderson County Government
1 Historic Courthouse Square
Suite 3
Hendersonville, NC 28792

This report was created by the Public Information
office of Henderson County Government.

COUNTY PROFILE

Total Population - 102,367

2020 Projected Population - 126,628

Municipalities - Hendersonville, Flat
Rock, Mills River, Fletcher & Laurel Park

Area - 375.1 square miles

Median Household Income - \$47,634

Median Age - 43.77 years

Henderson County Property Tax Rate -
\$.462 (Per \$100 value)

Public School Enrollment - 13,322

County Manager - Steven Wyatt

Assistant County Manager -
Selena Coffey

Board of County Commissioners:

William Moyer, Chairman

Charles Messer, Vice Chairman

Chuck McGrady

Larry Young

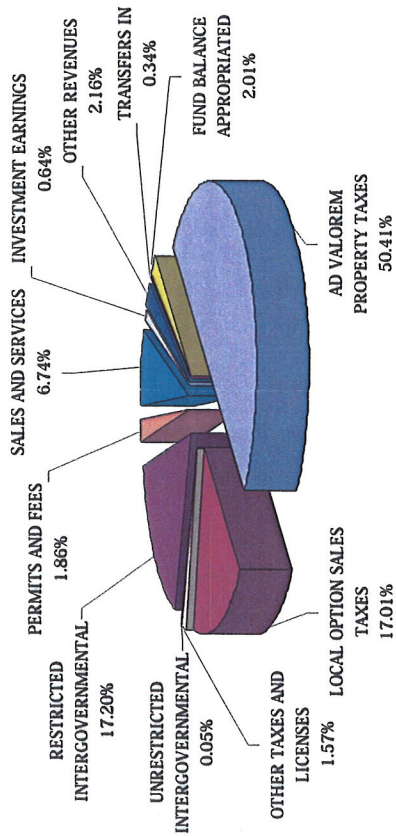
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(cable channel 11).

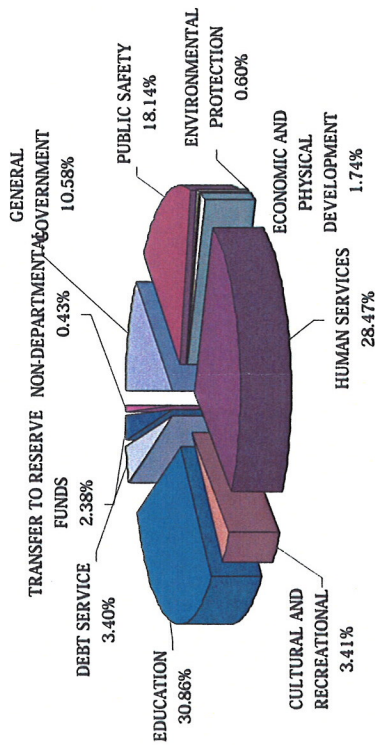
BUDGET IN BRIEF

FY 08-09 GENERAL FUND - \$ 117,084,157

REVENUES: WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM...



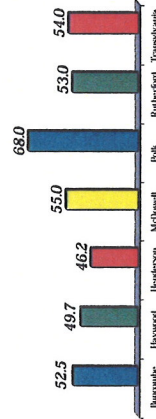
EXPENDITURES: WHERE THE MONEY GOES...



FY 08-09 HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ No property tax increase
- ◆ Lowest property tax rate among surrounding counties (please refer to graph below)
- ◆ Expanded and upgraded the E911 center by adding 2 more dispatching consoles and upgrading all software and 911 equipment
- ◆ Animal Services volunteer program was presented with a National Association of Counties (NACo) award
- ◆ Received a \$380,000 grant to implement programs to prevent childhood obesity
- ◆ Booked 2,210 individuals into the Detention Center
- ◆ Implemented Immigration and Customs Enforcement Program (ICE)
- ◆ Neared completion of construction of Hillendale and Mills River Elementary Schools, as well as an addition to Dana Elementary

Henderson and Surrounding Counties
Property Tax Rates (\$0.00 per \$100)
For the Fiscal Year 2008 - 2009



YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

Emergency Services	9,584
Annual EMS Dispatches	276,252
Sheriff	17,200
Phones calls to/from 911	82,656
Volunteer Service Hours	4,253
Solid Waste	74,586
Tons of Waste Received	953,596
Tons of Recycling Processed	6
Elections	1,543
Registered Voters	975
Library	249
Annual Circulation	3,400
Branches	2,212
Animal Services	21,546
Animals Adopted	936
Animals Spayed/Neutered	1,176
Parks & Recreation	707
Acreege of County Parks	3,542
Youth Sports Participation	222
Social Services	151
Responses to Abuse & Neglect	
Register of Deeds	
Real Estate Records Recorded	
Birth Certificates Issued	
Death Certificates Issued	
Marriage Licenses Issued	
Veteran's Services	
Veteran Contacts	
Environmental Health	
Wells Permitted	
Planning	
Development Applications	

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: September 8, 2009

Subject: Public Hearing on 2009 CDBG Community Revitalization Grant Application

Attachments: Community Revitalization Grant Public Hearing Notice

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The 2009 Community Revitalization Grant Program (CR) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application period has begun. Through a preliminary evaluation process, it was determined that the Talley Drive area met the CDBG Community Revitalization program criteria. The proposed project would include owner occupied housing rehabilitation, storm water/drainage controls and roadway improvements. The proposed CDBG Community Revitalization application must be completed and a public hearing regarding the application must be held prior to submission to the State.

The CDBG Community Revitalization grant program is a competitive process that awards up to \$850,000 per project and has no local match requirement. The deadline for application to the State is September 30, 2009.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Planning Staff request approval of the application after holding the hearing and receiving public comment.

Suggested Motion: I move that the Board approve the application to the Division of Community Assistance for the Community Revitalization grant program for the housing rehabilitation, roadway improvements and storm water control activities and authorize the execution and submittal of any necessary application documents.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Henderson County
CDBG Community Revitalization Application

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 PM on September 8, 2009 at the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room located in the Henderson County Historic Courthouse, at 1 Historic Courthouse Square, in Hendersonville, NC. The public is invited to attend and comment. Written comments addressed to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, 1 Historic Courthouse Square, Suite 1, Hendersonville, NC 28792, will be accepted prior to the hearings.

The purpose of this hearing is to allow citizens the opportunity to express views and proposals prior to the submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Revitalization housing rehabilitation, roadway improvement and stormwater controls application with an estimated grant request \$850,000.

A description of the proposed projects including location, activities and cost will be provided during the public hearing.

For further information, please call 828-697-4564. {TDD: (828) 697-4580}
"All facilities are handicapped accessible. Auxiliary aids will be supplied to the disabled if requested five days prior to the public hearing.

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Contact Karen Kiehna, 828-251-6622, if you have question related to the publications.

AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED

Please mail the bill and affidavit to: Karen A. Kiehna, Land-of-Sky Regional Council at 339 New Leicester Hwy, Suite 140, Asheville, NC 28806