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Courthouse receives award of merit

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The Henderson County Historic Courthouse was recently honored with a statewide award of merit for "Best Public Building Improvement."

The award was presented by the North Carolina Office of Urban Development and Main Street Center to Henderson County Board of Commissioners Chairman Bill Moyer at the North Carolina Main Street Conference in Statesville on Jan. 29.

The county completed a \$10.8 million renovation of the 1905 Henderson County Historic Courthouse, which began in 2006 and was completed in 2008.

"The Historic Henderson County Courthouse is an important community icon and anchor for the downtown area," said Lee Henderson-Hill of Downtown Hendersonville Inc., who nominated the building for the award. The building was abandoned in 1995 with the opening of a new courthouse. The renovation brought the building back into public service and now serves as administrative offices for the county and home to the county's new Heritage Museum.

The courtroom was redesigned for county commissioner meeting facility with seating for 140 people, and a 12,000-square-foot annex was added to the back of the facility for rest rooms, office space, museum space and a large community room with windows that mirror the courtroom.

"The jury for the award noted the significance of the renovation of this facility in the heart of

downtown Hendersonville," said Elizabeth Parham, director of the North Carolina Office of Urban Development and Main Street Center.