

HENDERSON COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

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October 2, 2006

Henderson County Board of Commissioners
100 N. King Street
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Re: Tax Collector's Report to Commissioners – 10/02/06 Meeting

Please find outlined below collections information through September 29th for the new 2006 bills mailed out on August 18th, as well as vehicle bills.

Annual Bills G01 Only:

2006 Total Charge: \$49,209,925.46
Payments & Releases: 7,196,126.25
Unpaid Taxes: 42,013,799.21
Percentage collected: 14.62%
(through 9/29/06)

Motor Vehicle Bills G01 Only:

2006 Total Charge: \$2,029,393.63
Payments & Releases: 833,405.33
Unpaid Taxes: 1,195,988.30
Percentage collected: 41.07%
(through 9/29/06)

Fire Districts All Bills

2006 Total Charge: \$4,932,716.80
Payments & Releases: 779,482.54
Unpaid Taxes: 4,153,234.26
Percentage collected: 17.79%
(through 9/29/06)

Respectfully submitted,



Terry F. Lyda,
Henderson County Tax Collector

**New Vistas/Mountain Laurel
Henderson Office**

Service	Number of Staff in program		Number of consumers being served	Provider Options	Target Date
Community Support (adult)	5 Q's, 4 paras		285	Appalachian Counseling , RHA, Families Together, Providence (Family Preservation Services of NC), Horizon Recovery	
Community Support (child)	7Qs, 13 paras		128	Appalachian Counseling, Universal , Families Together, Providence (Family Preservation Services of NC), Families First	11/1/2006
ACTT	7		25	6th Ave., RHA, MHA, Horizon Recovery	
Outpatient Services	3 Child, 3 Adult		191 Child, 1328 Adult	Appalachian Counseling , RHA, Providence (Family Preservation Services of NC)	
Psychological Testing	1		10	??	
School Based Therapy				Universal, Families Together, Providence (Family Preservation Services of NC)	
Mobile Crisis	5		220	Families Together	
Emerg. Triage (after hours)	1 Child, 3 Adult			Phoenix Behavioral Health	10/1/2006
Walk-In Daytime ES Clinic					
Hospital Evaluations	0		0	Phoenix Behavioral Health	10/1/2006
Early Intervention	1		7	??	
PAP (Med. Assistance)				PSC	
Psychosocial Rehab				6th Ave., Providence(Family Preservation Services of NC), Appalachian Counseling	11/1/2006

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Board of Commissioners Meeting
October 2, 2006

Commissioners, I'm Eva Ritchey, candidate for County Commissioner and I'm here to speak on behalf of mental health services in our community.

It is important to acknowledge that the mental health crisis we face now has its origins in failed national policy. For the last six years, the current administration has cut back and reduced federal dollars for social programs including Medicare and mental health. The conservative philosophy of "starving the beast" to deflate so called "big government" has led to hardship and crisis on the state and local level. States such as North Carolina have scrambled to make up those federal dollars for workers whose wages have steadily declined. In fact if there is anything the last six years have taught us, it is the dishonesty of the statement that big government is the problem and small government is our salvation. The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina was the proof that small government can't solve big problems. Big government is not the problem, unaccountable big government is. We need to turn mental health from the failed policies of privatization and back to government oversight. Social Security is an excellent example of a federal program that has low administration costs and is efficiently managed.

Mental illness is not an exclusive club. One in every five North Carolinians suffers from a mental disorder or has a family member who does. The need for mental health support services need is in every community and every neighborhood. We cannot turn our backs on our neighbors and we cannot leave mental health services to our law enforcement officers. People with mental illness need a waiting room not a jail cell. I would like to offer this suggestion for providing services in our community in the most cost effective and available manner. Since the brain is a body part and since Pardee Hospital treats body parts, let's make our mental health services a part of our established healthcare system. By incorporating our public mental health services within Pardee, we could get economies of scale through combining billing services and maintenance costs. Further, we could help remove the stigma that too often effects these types of illnesses by placing mental health within the body of the county health care system. Pardee Hospital is a publicly funded hospital and would be an excellent home for our publicly funded mental health services. This arrangement might serve as a model for the rest of the state. Why create a second layer of free standing facilities when we can combine them effectively with one that already exists?

Whatever the solution, there is one thing for sure, no caring responsible society will leave any of its citizens out on the streets or in jails for a physical illness that can be aided. If we can walk for hunger, if we can run for heart disease, if we can lunch for breast cancer, then we can leap the distance for mental health.

Mr. Young, I look forward to debating with you these and other important issues on October 23rd.

Home Builders Association of Hendersonville
Proudly Introduces
COMMUNITY "TEAM" DAY!
*Committing ourselves through our talents, abilities and
resources to contribute back to our community's needs,
"Together Everyone Achieves More"!*

Hendersonville HBA and Housing Assistance Corporation are pleased to announce our joint partnering effort in an opportunity to help meet a growing need in our community to serve our elderly citizens with homes in need of repair, and other individual projects. Combining the experience & resources of our *HBA* members, associates & friends, along with the leadership and organizational skills of *HAC*, a Non-Profit Agency providing and sustaining affordable housing in our community, we can make a difference in the betterment of the quality of life for our neighbors.

We are planning to organize teams of volunteers, from both professional building personnel and the general public, to join forces in a very productive and satisfying event, where we will achieve multiple tasks in several homes & special projects in one orchestrated effort. We need volunteers for general labor, skilled labor & craftsmen, experienced supervision, and other positions yet to be determined. Additionally, we are needing materials, supplies, food & refreshments and contributions to help meet the commitments we will be making to our community. We welcome any suggestions toward organizing this worthy opportunity, and most of all, ask that you make a commitment, and seek that of your friends and neighbors to join us!

We are planning to schedule our first ground breaking event on Saturday, October 7, 2006, and will then continue our growth to an expanded event on one Saturday in April each year. Details are in the making, and we look forward to building *HBA TEAM DAY* to become a recognized community enrichment program with you!

For details, please see or call HBA Board Members Sam Creech @ (828) 551- 5777, or Jim Robertson @ (828) 775-5944. You can reach Patrick Kennedy, Director of Housing Assistance @ (828) 692-4744, for more information on his organization.

Please "sign up" for this worthwhile group effort, and indicate any specific areas of expertise or other resources & means you, your company or friends may have to offer.

Please complete and return this form to the HBA office by fax or mail ASAP!

We need your help! Thank you for your participation!

NAME / COMPANY: _____

CONTACT PHONE #'S / E-MAIL: _____

I COMMIT TO: _____ (#)VOLUNTEER(S) Include skill type(s) available) _____

_____ MATERIAL DONATIONS (types) _____

_____ FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION(S)\$ _____

_____ OTHER _____

SUGGESTIONS / COMMENTS: _____

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October 3, 2006

United Financial of North Carolina, Inc.
58 Wilkie Way
Fletcher, NC 28732

Re: Lease Purchase Agreement between United Financial of North Carolina, Inc.
And Etowah-Horse Shoe Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Dear Sirs:

I am Chairman of the County Commissioners of Henderson County. This letter is to advise you that Etowah-Horse Shoe Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. is a qualified Volunteer Fire Department assigned to protect a specific Fire District within this County.

In addition, a special ad valorem (fire tax) is assessed on the real property owners of this district. Said tax is to be used exclusively to provide equipment, facilities, and training as is necessary to provide fire protection for said district. Said funds may also be used to upgrade equipment as the need arises. This tax is collected by the County and disbursed by the Finance Office to the Fire Department on a regular basis by the County Finance Officer. The Fire Department is operated and managed by the Board of Directors of the Fire Department and the Officers of said Department. The Department is currently meeting the requirements of their fire service contract.

The Fire Department has made us aware of their intention to acquire new capital assets through a Lease Purchase transaction with your firm.

Please be advised that the County has no objection to this transaction.

Sincerely,



William L. Moyer, Chairman

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