

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 10, 1998

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a special called meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Henderson County Office Building.

Those present were: Chairman Bob Eklund, Vice-Chair Grady Hawkins, Commissioner Vollie G. Good, Commissioner Renee Kumor, Commissioner Don Ward, County Manager David E. Nicholson.

Also present were 16 Board members from WCCA.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Eklund called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. Chairman Eklund asked everyone to do self introductions.

WCCA

John Leatherwood, Executive Director, explained that WCCA is a 501c3, not-for-profit organization that serves two counties (Henderson and Transylvania). Henderson County's contribution provides funding for the match for Head Start and the local transportation program. Head Start is a federal funded program that serves 255 low income children in Henderson County. Currently there is no waiting list for this program. They receive no DSS funds to help support the program.

WCCA operates Apple Country Transportation for Henderson County. This program served 850 persons last year with a total of 80,197 trips. They provide transportation services for the elderly meal sites, elderly medical, shopping, Something Special, Pardee's Adult Day Care Program, and the Child Development Program.

Other programs offered by WCCA include a weatherization program, Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) and the Summer Youth Employment Program. WCCA receives funds directly from the federal government and through grant programs.

Mr. Leatherwood, who has announced his retirement for mid-year, stated that they only receive \$120,000 per year that is not directly assigned to a program and this fund had not increased since 1981. He suggested that a client data base shared by all of the human service agencies would be helpful.

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Linda Bradburn, Chairman of the WCCA Board, indicated that they had expanded their Personnel Committee from 3 to 7 to begin the process of looking for a new Executive Director. This committee is reviewing the necessary qualifications for the position.

Commissioner Ward questioned the issue of a quorum for the WCCA Board. According to Ms. Bradburn, their by-laws call for 50% attendance for a quorum. During the last year, 3 meetings did not have a quorum. They held the meeting and at the next meeting the entire Board confirmed the actions from the previous meeting.

Vice-Chairman Hawkins asked about their employment program and the JTPA program audit. During January, no clients had been placed by their program. Mr. Leatherwood reviewed the JTPA situation. This audit had questioned enrollment of several persons in the program. They have not heard anything about the status of the questioned costs since May of 1997. Mr. Leatherwood assured the Commissioners that all applicants were enrolled correctly in this program.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

  
Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk

  
Robert D. Eklund, Chairman

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