

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 9, 1997

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a special called meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Henderson County Office Building. The purpose of the meeting was a FY 1997-1998 Budget Public Hearing.

Those present were: Chairman Bob Eklund, Vice-Chairman Grady Hawkins, Commissioner Renee Kumor, Commissioner Don Ward, County Manager David E. Nicholson, Assistant County Manager/Staff Attorney Angela M. Skerrett, Finance Director J. Carey McLelland, Budget Analyst Selena Coffey, and Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn.

Absent was Commissioner Vollie G. Good.

FY 1997-1998 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Kumor made the motion for the Board to go into Public Hearing. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Clerk called the names of those who had signed up to speak:

1. Fred Dorsey - Mr. Dorsey spoke on behalf of Crime\$toppers, requesting funding.
2. Bryan Aleksich - Mr. Aleksich spoke regarding the growing tax rate and the growing property tax and the need to stop the growth.
3. Evelyn Bowman - Ms. Bowman is President of the Blue Ridge Literacy Council. She requested continued funding and asked the Board to be as generous as possible.
4. Roger Hill - Mr. Hill is President of the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce. He requested \$82,500 for Economic Development for the Committee of 100 of the Chamber.
5. Bill Lapsley - Mr. Lapsley is Chairman of the Committee of 100. He passed out a several page hand-out. The Chamber by-laws state: "The Greater Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce is organized for the purpose of advancing the general welfare and prosperity of the Hendersonville and Henderson County area so that its citizens and all areas of its business community shall prosper. All necessary means of promotion shall be provided and particular attention and emphasis shall be given to the economic, civic, commercial,

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industrial, tourist, retirement, agricultural and educational interests of the area."

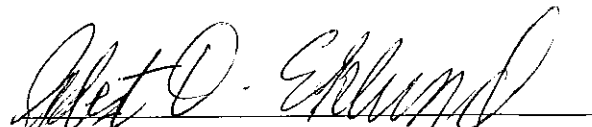
6. Ray Cantrell - Mr. Cantrell is Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce. He was present to answer questions and lend support for the request from the Committee of 100 via the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Kumor made the motion for the Board to go out of Public Hearing. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Hawkins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor and the motion carried. (Approx. 7:30 p.m.)

ATTEST:


Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk


Robert D. Eklund, Chairman