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**MINUTES**

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HENDERSON**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SEPTEMBER 19, 1996**

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a special called meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Henderson County Office Building. This was a joint meeting with all the municipalities in Henderson County.

Those present were: Chairman Renee Kumor, Vice-Chair Vollie G. Good, Commissioner J. Michael Edney, Commissioner Bob Eklund, Commissioner Don Ward, County Manager David E. Nicholson, Assistant County Manager/Staff Attorney Angela M. Skerrett, Fire Marshall Rocky Hyder, Finance Director Carey McLelland, and Budget Analyst Selena Coffey.

Absent was: Clerk to the Board, Elizabeth W. Corn. David Nicholson prepared notes for Ms. Corn.

Also present were representatives from Town of Fletcher, Town of Laurel Park and Village of Flat Rock.

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Chairman Kumor called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss sewer issues.

Henderson County has requested that the cities reimburse Henderson County for the cost of providing fire prevention inspections in the municipalities. These inspections are the responsibility of the county in the unincorporated areas and the municipalities within their boundaries.

**FIRE INSPECTIONS**

Rocky Hyder presented issues which included the reasons the state of NC established fire prevention inspections, why is the county needing to add additional staff and why the municipalities are being asked to contribute.

David Nicholson explained the Cost of Services Study which was prepared by David M. Griffith & Associates and the fact that Henderson County does not charge the businesses for these inspections is because they are for health and safety reasons. The Cost of Services Study is what was used to base the charges on.

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Carey McLelland reviewed the revenues that may be used to pay this expense.

Selena Coffey presented a chart showing where Henderson County spends its property tax revenues.

David Nicholson explained that Henderson County must give a two year notice to stop providing this service.

The Boards discussed issues such as:

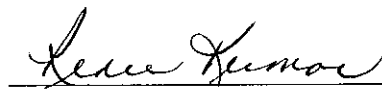
- ▶ should the businesses pay this cost
- ▶ what is the role of fire departments in providing the inspections
- ▶ time associated with providing inspection for differing kinds of businesses
- ▶ the City of Hendersonville provides its own inspections.

It was agreed that the County Manager, the Town Administrators, and the Mayor of Flat Rock would work together to develop an understanding and agreement for all parties to discuss. The Board also wished to establish future discussions on various issues between the county and the municipalities.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk

  
Renee Kumor, Chairman