

MINUTES**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON****BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 11, 1994**

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the County Office Building. The purpose of the meeting was a Joint Meeting with Hendersonville Mayor and City Council regarding the relocation of the water intake on the Mills River.

Those present were: Chairman Vollie G. Good, Vice-Chair Renee Kumor, Commissioner J. Michael Edney, Commissioner Hugh D. Randall, and County Manager David F. Thompson. Absent were Commissioner William McKay, Assistant County Manager David E. Nicholson, and Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn.

Also present was Planning Director Matt Matteson.

Present from Hendersonville City Council: Mayor Fred Niehoff, Tom Osborne, Barbara Volk, and Diane Caldwell. Tom Kilpatrick of the Hendersonville Water Department was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Good called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

RELOCATION OF WATER INTAKE ON THE MILLS RIVER

There was initial discussion regarding the status of the Federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act Study for the Mills River.

Chairman Good asked what would be the cost of moving the intake from its present location on the Mills River to the confluence with Foster Creek. Tom Kilpatrick stated that the cost would be over \$1.16 million, based on a 1989 study made by the Land Of Sky Regional Council of Governments. The cost to relocate the intake to the confluence of the North and South forks of the Mills River would be over \$1.57 million. Tom Kilpatrick stated that what was once a water quality issue is now a land use issue; the quality and volume are incidental. For example, the loss of volume by relocation to Foster Creek is 7.1 percent.

Tom Kilpatrick stated that the City's estimate of what can be drawn from the Mills River Watershed is 18-20 MGD. He described the plans for taking the Bradley Creek intake out of service in April of 1994 for the removal of sedimentation and stated that the North Fork intake would be cleaned in the Fall.

There was further discussion regarding relocation of the intake on the Mills River. Options which were discussed included leaving the intake at its present location, moving the intake just upstream of

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the NC 280 bridge, and moving the intake further upstream into the Mills River watershed. Mayor Niehoff indicated that the City would need to show a benefit to its customers before relocating the intake further into the watershed. He stated that one of the things that should be discussed is whether the County is willing to share the cost.

Vice-Chair Kumor indicated that such discussion should include a written proposal. She inquired as to what the benefit to the County would be.

Commissioner Edney stated that nothing should be ruled out at this time.

David Thompson stated that such relocation should be determined to be in the County's best interest, such as for economic development, before any tax money is expended on a relocation project.

Commissioner Edney asked if the County had ever participated before in a water project. Tom Kilpatrick stated that they did participate for Park Ridge Hospital and General Electric Plant utility extensions.

Mayor Niehoff stated that there were two questions to be answered: #1. If we move the intake, what is each locality willing to pay, and #2. is there a benefit to the County?

Chairman Good stated that the Board of Commissioners would take the matter into consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Elizabeth W. Corn
Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk

Vollie G. Good
Vollie G. Good, Chairman