

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
APRIL 3, 1991

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners reconvened at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3 for a workshop meeting. This was a continuation of the regularly scheduled meeting of April 1. The meeting was held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Henderson County Office Building.

Those present were: Chairman J. Michael Edney, Vice-Chairman Vollie G. Good, Commissioner F. Richard Baker, Commissioner Hugh D. Randall, Commissioner William McKay, Interim County Manager Jerry D. Myers, Finance Director David E. Nicholson, and Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn.

Chairman Edney called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Good made the motion for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel item. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Good made the motion for the Board to go out of Executive Session. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Baker left immediately following Executive Session, at 1:40 p.m. Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Myers also left and were not in attendance for the remainder of the meeting.

COUNTY MANAGER ISSUE

Chairman Edney stated that the meeting was called to order at noon and the Board went into Executive Session. The County Manager issue was discussed. The Board has narrowed the list of candidates down to three, they will be conducting further interviews and background checks. Chairman Edney said that they hope to have an answer fairly soon.

REQUESTED PUBLIC HEARING - Zoning Amendment

Chairman Edney asked for a motion to set a public hearing for a zoning amendment for May 6 at 7:00 p.m. This would be at a regular Commissioners' meeting.

Commissioner McKay made the motion to set the public hearing for a zoning amendment for May 6 at 7:00 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

1:00 p.m. WORKSHOP

Chairman Edney stated that the first workshop will be WATERSHED and then E-911 because of persons in attendance and he apologized for the delay.

Chairman Edney then excused himself at 1:50 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Good.

WATERSHED BRIEFING

Matt Matteson, County Planner, addressed the Board stating that in October of 1990 is the last time that the issue of watershed was brought before the Board of County Commissioners. The issue is House Bill 156, otherwise known as the water supply/watershed legislation for Henderson County. Since the last presentation to the Board there have been public hearings throughout the state. Subsequent to those public hearings rules were adopted and were approved by the Environmental Management Committee.

Mr. Matteson stated that there are approximately 3.2 million North Carolinians that use surface water and the purpose of the legislation is to protect the surface water supplies. House Bill 156 mandates that by July 1992 we will have in place (every jurisdiction that has jurisdictional control over a watershed) a management plan. This plan will be approved by the State Environmental Management Committee. Henderson County has four jurisdictions throughout the county: Mills River Watershed, French Broad River Protected Watershed, Lake Julia Watershed, and Tryon City Lake.

Mr. Matteson informed the Board that Henderson County will have to establish plans and classifications for these four jurisdictions. He discussed the four classifications: WS-I, WS-II, WS-III, and WS-IV, with WS-I being the most restrictive. One mile around the water intake is considered to be a critical area.

The state is in the process of looking at each of the jurisdictions' watersheds and establishing classifications. In August there will be public hearings on these proposed classifications that will be made public shortly by the state. Water classification will have an impact on the land use plan.

Mr. Matteson also spoke of water designated for three purposes; Wild, Scenic, and Recreational with the Wild being the most restrictive.

Ed Ingle, Chairman of the Planning Committee for North and South Mills River Community Club, addressed the Board. Mr. Ingle informed the Board that what his committee presents to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners or others will affect the community for the next 100 years or so.

Mr. Ingle stated that the best classification they can expect for Mills River Watershed is WS-II and even with that classification the area can grow to five times its present population. There are approx. 1,000 residents of the Mills River area now. Mr. Ingle introduced Dr. & Mrs. Shufstall who are residents of the area and are here today. The Mills River Watershed supplies water to 40,000 people.

Dr. Shufstall - Dr. Shufstall is a retired physician living in Mills River. He wanted to emphasize that the sole intent of House Bill 156 is to improve and enhance the quality of surface waters in the state of North Carolina, and that is its only intent. He also stressed the need to maintain the quality of water in the Mills River Watershed.

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Vice-Chairman Good thanked Mr. Ingle for coming and recognized Mr. Eaker and Mr. Willet in the audience and asked if they had anything to add at this time. They did not but stated they were available to answer questions if called upon.

**E-911**

Susan Sneed passed around hand-outs. Mr. Matteson introduced Mr. Dan Jones of the U.S. Postal Service who is here to answer any questions he can.

Mr. Matteson briefed the Board on the hand-out materials; a status report and requested action items. Mr. Matteson stated that there are four parts to the E-911 program; 1. The E-911 implementation or physical installation of the system, 2. Assigning property Addresses to the 50% of customers who do not have home addresses suitable to the system, 3. Assigning Road names to those that are needed, and 4. Street sign program.

Mr. Matteson further stated that there are about eight decisions that need to come from this Board in the very near future, with the first being adoption of the Property Address Ordinance.

The implementation of an appeals board was discussed at length. Mr. Matteson has some specific recommendations for members of this appeals board.

Some Board members had questions about the Property Address Ordinance and felt they needed more time for sufficient review before adopting the Property Address Ordinance. There was discussion. Board members requested that this item be added to the agenda for our next meeting, April 17, 1991.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chairman Good at 3:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk

  
Vollie G. Good, Vice-Chairman