

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 29, 1991

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29 for a workshop meeting. This was a continuation of the regularly scheduled meeting of January 16. The meeting was begun in the Henderson County Planning Department located in the Henderson County Office Building.

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

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Myers recognized the County Planner, Matt Matteson, to address the Board. Mr. Matteson passed out some visual aides and introduced his staff: Susan Sneed, E-9-1-1 Coordinator
Carl Bradburn, Planning Technician

Mr. Matteson briefed the Board on his departments ongoing projects and activities and discussed some of the Planning Board issues.

Ongoing Projects and Activities

1. Subdivision Review and Land Development Activity, 1988-90
2. Enhanced 9-1-1 Project
 - a. Project Status
 - b. Street Naming
 - c. Property Addressing
 - d. Street Sign Program
3. U.S. Census - 1990
4. Valley View Community Development Block Grant Project
5. Water Supply Watershed Regulations
 - a. HB 156 and State Rules
 - b. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
 - c. High Quality Waters Designations
6. Miscellaneous Activities

Mr. Matteson presented graphs and charts for the Board's review.

Susan Sneed addressed the Board regarding the E-9-1-1 project. She has been working with Southern Bell about one year concerning road names and the Planning Department is currently the clearing house for road names.

Southern Bell estimates that Henderson County can go on line with E-9-1-1 September of 1991 for any resident on a named street with

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a street address. It will be approximately 5 years before the entire system will be on line.

Mr. Bradburn is doing alot of the field work for the E-9-1-1 project.

There was discussion with many questions and answers exchanged.

The Planning Department's presentation and site visit came to a close and the Board members boarded the van for a site visit to the Henderson County Health Department. Finance Director David Nicholson joined us at the Health Department.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Tom Johnson, Director of the Health Department welcomed all in attendance and introduced some key staff members. Mr. Johnson has been director for 3 years. Mr. Johnson stated that the Health Department has a yearly budget of \$1.8 million, with \$1.1 million coming from the Henderson County budget.

The main objective of the Health Department is preventing disease, they urge health prevention rather than primary care. They spend alot of time educating the public.

We reviewed some of the health education activities. Approximately 63% of county employees participated in the health screening program, we reviewed the results of the screening.

Other activities the Health Dept. is responsible for:

- Animal Control Program
- Septic Tank Permits Issued and Completed
- Child Health
- Maternal Health
- Family Planning Services
- Cancer Prevention Services
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Immunizations
- TB Services
- Orthopedic Clinic
- General Consultation
- Laboratory Services
- Food and Lodging Inspections
- Sewage Program
- Water Inspections
- Swimming Pool Inspections
- Mosquito Control Program
- Solid Waste Program

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Dietician Susan Goldstein was introduced to the Board and she explained the nutrition program including W.I.C., a supplemental food program for women, infants, and children.

Nursing Director, Barbara Stanley was introduced to the Board and stated that she has twelve public health nurses with six of them in the field.

Medical Director, Dr. Carol Kaufman was introduced to the Board and briefly spoke about the obstetrical patients they see. Approximately 50% of all women who deliver in Henderson County get their OB care at the Health Department.

Robert Smith, Supervisor of Environmental Health spoke briefly on the projects that his department oversees:

- Septic tank inspections and lot evaluations
- Food establishment inspections
- Rest home, nursing homes, and hospital inspections
- Lodging establishment inspections
- Schools and school lunchroom inspections
- Meat Market inspections
- Religious assemblies and education institutions inspections
- Day care, residential care facilities and foster care inspections
- Local confinement inspections
- Summer camp inspections
- Wells and well site location inspections
- Well and spring water bacterial and chemical analysis
- Consultive visits regarding water supplies
- Milk control inspections (retail sale surveillance)
- Public health nuisance complaint investigations
- Mosquito control
- Rodent control investigations
- Public swimming pool inspections
- Migrant labor camp inspections - (water & sewer)
- Solid Waste Inspections
- Junkyard Ordinance
- Radon
- Lead
- Responsible for the Animal Control Program

Management Support Supervisor and Administrative Assistant Stephanie King was then introduced and gave a brief tour of the Health Department.

We all boarded the van and traveled to the Animal Shelter for a site visit.

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Animal Control Supervisor Brenda Miller greeted us and then introduced her three Animal Control Officers; Brian Orr, Scott Young, and Joseph Hensley. We then toured the facility. We viewed the holding cells for cats and for dogs and then saw the gas chamber and the cremation facilities.

We boarded the van and traveled back to the County Office Building to begin the worksession on the proposed Incinerator Ordinances.

PROPOSED INCINERATOR ORDINANCES

Chairman J. Michael Edney joined us as we reconvened after a short break.

Chairman Edney called the meeting to order, stating that this is a workshop for the Commissioners and there will be no public input.

County Attorney Don Elkins passed out copies of the state law regarding air pollution.

The first item of discussion was an Ordinance Establishing The Henderson County Environmental Advisory Board/Resolution Establishing A Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Mr. Myers stated that upon review of the proposed Environmental Advisory Board Ordinance, some concerns became obvious to staff members. A fairly broad mission would be assigned to this Board, being to study anything that is in the environment, that this Board shall identify, study, analyze, and evaluate the environmental impact of basically any project or activity which has an impact on air, water, vegetation, wildlife, soils or cultural features in Henderson County. This would be a broad charge to give to any Board or Committee and it indicates that that Board or Committee can initiate studies. He expressed concerns about creating a committee to study the world with no limits.

Mr. Myers stated that the name of the group that proposed the original ordinance to the county shows their concern for responsible waste management. We have a need to deal with the whole issue of solid waste with incineration being one of the alternatives. At an earlier workshop, the Board received a recommendation from our engineer to create a Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Mr. Myers is requesting the Board use the same committee to serve this purpose, that the Board create a Solid Waste Advisory Committee and to charge them with the task of reviewing the Incinerator Ordinance. Mr. Myers asked the Board to consider the Resolution Establishing A Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) as a reasonable alternative to the Ordinance Establishing The Henderson County Environmental Advisory Board.

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There was much discussion. It was felt by consensus that in the resolution it should state that the SWAC would study matters as directed by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners. Number of membership was also discussed.

Staff was authorized to proceed with making suggested changes in paragraphs #1 and #3 and have the Resolution ready for the next Commissioners' Meeting on February 4, 1991.

County Planner Matt Matteson reviewed the proposed Waste Incinerator Ordinance entitled Henderson County Ordinance To Regulate Commercial Incineration Facilities.

Mr. Matteson reviewed the revised draft ordinance with the Board. There was much discussion. The ordinance was revised to lower our standards so they would be more comparable to state standards, the state would enforce these regulations. It was consensus that this ordinance is a seven page application with one page on emissions. If we start controlling emissions, we must set up enforcement procedures.

Chairman Edney stated that we must recognize what our restrictions are, we cannot set standards higher than the state standards. The only option left is to come up with an application procedure which will ensure us that we have a qualified, respectable company operating an incinerator. Basically it would be an application process whereby we could control the respectability of the company operating the facility.


Mr. Myers was directed to make the recommended changes and have the ordinance ready for public inspection and ready for review at the February 4 Commissioners' meeting. Chairman Edney also asked Mr. Myers to get in touch with Caldwell County to see how they are handling the insurance performance bond.

Commissioner Baker left at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Good left at 6:15.

The meeting was recessed about 6:40 until Wednesday, January 30 at 1:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk


J. Michael Edney, Chairman