

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 5, 1989

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Henderson County Office Building in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

Those present were: Chairman William T. Drake; Vice-Chairman Richard Baker; Commissioner Hugh D. Randall; Commissioner J. Michael Easley; County Administrator Jerry D. Myers; Finance Director David E. Nicholson; County Attorney Don E. Elkins; and the news media. Commissioner Troy Maybin was unable to attend due to illness.

Chairman Drake called the meeting to order, and Reverend Ron Pinkerton of the Carolina Baptist Association gave the invocation.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the August 7, 1989 Meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

The Minutes of the August 16, 1989 Meeting were reviewed and corrected. The Minutes were approved as corrected.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Chairman Drake informed the Board that in the New Business category under Mobilization of Vacancies Mountain Valleys Resource Conservation and Development Committee needs to be added to the Agenda with one vacancy.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no Public Input.

NOMINATIONS

Chairman Drake announced that there is one vacancy on the City Zoning Board of Adjustment due to the expiration of Roger Ellison's term. Mr. Ellison has been contacted and has stated his willingness to serve another term. Commissioner Baker made a motion that Roger Ellison be nominated for this vacancy. Commissioner Easley made a motion to suspend the rules and make this appointment. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Drake requested nominations from the Board to fill the two vacancies on the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). There were no nominations, and this matter was rolled to the next meeting.

Chairman Drake requested nominations from the Board to fill the vacancy on the Private Industry Council. There were no nominations, and this matter was rolled to the next meeting.

Chairman Drake requested nominations to fill the vacancy of a Secondary Member to Region B. There were no nominations, and this matter was postponed to be discussed later during Executive Session.

ENHANCED 911

Matt Matteson, County Planner, addressed the Board regarding Enhanced 911 service for Henderson County, Street Addressing, Street Naming, and Sign Installation. Mr. Matteson reported that balloting results have been received from Southern Bell regarding the recent poll of Henderson County residents to determine their willingness to have a nominal fee added to their phone bills for 12 months, which would be used to

defray the charge of installing an Enhanced 911 System in Henderson County. This charge would not be used to cover ongoing costs of maintaining the System. Pollot results indicated that 93 percent of Henderson County residents are willing to pay the charge to have the Enhanced 911 System installed.

Mr. Matteson reviewed the Letter of Intent between the County and Southern Bell, which if approved by the Board would authorize Southern Bell to begin the first stages of installing the Enhanced 911 System. No Public Hearing is required before the Board can give this authorization. There was discussion regarding whether or not the City of Hendersonville has the authority to approve an additional PSAP. Bill Campbell, Southern Bell Representative, informed the Board that the decision of installing an additional PSAP at the City Office will be made only by the County Commissioners and can be made at any time, even after the Enhanced 911 System is in place, and could be installed in approximately one week after the decision is made.

It was discussed that Saluda, some parts of Fletcher, and the Bat Cave/Gerton areas will not have access to the Enhanced 911 System. Bat Cave/Gerton 911 calls would be received by Rutherford County, Rutherford County would contact Henderson County, and Henderson County would dispatch emergency personnel. Mr. Campbell explained that Southern Bell has been in contact with Saluda's phone company regarding their ability to provide 911 Service to Saluda residents. Mr. Campbell reported that the Saluda Company is not able at this time to offer any type 911 Service.

There was discussion regarding Southern Bell's access to the Enhanced 911 equipment under certain circumstances, Southern Bell's right to require Henderson County to provide equipment with the capacity to handle incoming calls to lessen the possibility of a caller receiving a busy signal. The ratio of calls is 1 call receiving a busy signal per every 100 calls. There was discussion regarding the right to terminate the contract with Southern Bell and discussion clarifying the wording of selective routing.

Commissioner Baker made the motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Letter of Intent to Southern Bell as long as Don Atkins, County Attorney, was satisfied with its wording. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Matteson reviewed with the Board Street Addressing and Street Names, which will be required in the Enhanced 911 process. According to North Carolina General Statute the County is authorized to name streets and assign street numbers. Mr. Matteson reported that various companies and agencies in the community are showing support and a willingness to assist in this process. The Postal Service has offered their assistance and staff to aid in this process. Mr. Matteson informed the Board that he had no recommendation to date regarding a street naming and numbering system to be used and stated he is researching this subject and will prepare a recommendation at a future Commissioners Meeting.

Chairman Drake reminded the Board that the Department of Transportation will no longer be installing and maintaining road signs, and that this responsibility has been passed on to the County. Mr. Matteson informed the Board that a program was established in 1987 whereby the State will provide 70% of the cost of road signs. The Department of Corrections provides the materials and makes the signs. The County is responsible for erecting the signs. Mr. Matteson stated this cost averaged \$50 to \$62 per intersection; however, this is a conservative figure. Chairman Drake requested that Mr. Matteson obtain a letter from Department of Transportation outlining the exact procedure and cost involved. Commissioner Baker made a motion authorizing Chairman Drake to draft a letter to the Department of Transportation requesting that Henderson County be allowed to

participate in the sign program. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES

Chairman Drake informed the Board that there are four vacancies on the Henderson County Zoning Board of Adjustment which expire December 1989.

Chairman Drake informed the Board that there are three vacancies on the Henderson County Council on the Status of Women which expire December 1989.

Chairman Drake informed the Board that there is one vacancy on the Mountain Valleys Resource Conservation and Development Committee.

RECOGNITION OF LAND RECORDS PROJECT

Gary Carr of the local North Carolina Society of Surveyors introduced Ken Mills, President of the Western Society of Surveyors, who presented a plaque to Pam Carver of the Henderson County Land Records Office in appreciation for the excellent work of the Land Records Staff in putting together the land records maps which has been computerized and is available to agencies in the County. These maps have been of great assistance to the surveyors in Henderson County, and Mr. Mills thanked the Board of Commissioners for their foresight in instigating the mapping process. Pam Carver recognized Brenda King, County Assessor; and members of her staff Stella McCrary, Alida Delaney, and David Cottberg who were present at the meeting. Pam Carver expressed her appreciation to the land surveyors for their cooperation in working with the Land Records Department in maintaining the maps. Copies of maps may be purchased from Henderson County.

MOUNTAIN HOME FIRE AND RESCUE -- APPOINTMENT OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Drake informed the Board that a recommendation of three people to serve on the Mountain Home Fire and Rescue Board of Directors for their proposed one-mile extension of the fire district has been received. These three people are Jerry Cannon, James Clugh, and Timothy Smith. Chairman Drake made a motion to appoint these three persons to the Board of Directors. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

TAX STAMP REFUND

Susan Barber, Attorney, addressed the Board regarding a request for a Tax Stamp Refund in regards to the liquidation of property of Dr. Kunz Farm, Inc. which resulted in a distribution of the last remaining corporate asset in the form of land to the common and preferred stockholders. The stockholders turned in their stock to the company in exchange for the land. Ms. Barber informed the Board that she had made an error when recording the deed and had paid taxes that are not required under General Statute. The amount of the requested refund is \$1,400.00. The Board has 90 days to make a decision regarding the refund. Commissioner Baker suggested that this matter be discussed during Executive Session. It was the consensus of the Board to delay this discussion to Executive Session, and Chairman Drake informed Ms. Barber that action would be deferred to the next Commissioner's Meeting.

HIGHLAND LAKE INN AND CONFERENCE CENTER

David Nicholson, Finance Director, informed the Board that Highland Lake Inn and Conference Center failed to pay occupancy tax for June 1989 in a timely manner and has been charged with a \$300.00 penalty due to being charged \$10 per day for 30 days. There was discussion as to whether the \$10 per day late penalty is excessive, and Mr. Nicholson informed the Board that this is the fee amount normally charged

statewide. Mr. Nicholson stated that this is the first time Highland Lake Inn and Conference Center has failed to pay occupancy tax in a timely manner, and reported that the given reason for the oversight is that their bookkeeper left and forgot to pay the tax. Chairman Baker suggested this discussion be held over to Executive Session. The Board was in agreement, and this matter was postponed to Executive Session.

VEHICLE FUEL OPTIONS

Jerry Myers, County Administrator, reviewed a proposal for supplying fuel for Henderson County vehicles. Henderson County has several small fuel tanks and purchases fuel from the City of Hendersonville. Due to the City's being required to purchase equipment to monitor their storage tanks, the charge to Henderson County has increased from 2 percent to 5 percent. The Henderson County Garage requested during the 1989-90 Budget Process \$17,000.00 to install above-ground fuel tanks, gasoline pumps, and related equipment in order to establish Henderson County's own fuel supply. Mr. Myers reported that this method would be cost effective in the long-term. A proposal from Reabin Oil Company has been received to provide fuel for Henderson County. Mr. Waddell of Reabin Oil Company suggested to the Board that Henderson County purchase underground storage tanks, have a fuel system designed by a professional, purchase enough tanks to expand in the future, and go to bid before making a decision. Mr. Waddell estimated that underground tanks would cost \$35,000 to \$50,000 to install but would have definite advantages over above-ground storage tanks. There was discussion regarding security measures and personnel to staff the fuel tanks. Mr. Myers stated that the tanks would be located at the Henderson County Garage, and there is personnel available there to maintain records on the tanks. Chairman Drake requested that Mr. Myers obtain cost information on underground tanks. The Board agreed to roll any decision on this matter to the next meeting after reviewing further information.

HENDERSONVILLE MERCHANT'S ASSOCIATION REQUEST

Chairman Drake informed the Board that the Hendersonville Merchant's Association has requested that the Henderson County Commissioners sponsor a trophy to be awarded for the best decorated Industrial Float in the Christmas Parade each year. The cost of this trophy would be approximately \$25 to \$30 per year. Commissioner Edney made a motion that the Commissioners sponsor this trophy with the stipulation that there be three or more Industrial Floats entered in the Christmas Parade, and that the Merchant's Association provide judges. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

PROCLAMATION/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

Chairman Drake informed the Board that a request had been received that the County Commissioners designate the week of September 17 - 23, 1989 Emergency Medical Services Week in Henderson County. Governor Martin has proclaimed the same week Emergency Medical Services Week in North Carolina in order to recognize the services provided by Emergency Medical Services Personnel and volunteers that work with the Fire Departments and Rescue Squad. Commissioner Baker made a motion authorizing Chairman Drake to sign the proclamation. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

Chairman Drake stated that Sharon Bush of the Housing Assistance Corporation was scheduled to speak to the Board to inform the Board the Housing Assistance Corporation's objectives and to present the Housing Assistance Corporation's Board of Directors. Ms. Bush was not present at the meeting; therefore, this matter was rolled to the next Commissioners Meeting.

TAX RELEASE REQUESTS

Chairman Drake informed the Board that two (2) Tax Release requests have been received as follows:

Manley & Doris Johnson	\$ 3.34	Double Listing
Jackson Tassatskie	22.57	Other

Commissioner Baker made a motion that as all the paperwork was in order that these Tax Release requests be granted. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

ROAD PETITIONS

Chairman Drake informed the Board that six Road Petitions have been received. All these roads are in the Rambling Ridge Subdivision and are named as follows: Meadowood Trail, Loggers Run, Ramblewood Trail, Willowood Trail, Rambling Trail, and Rosewood Trail. Commissioner Edney made a motion that these Road Petitions be forwarded on to the Department of Transportation for processing. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING/CHANGE ORDERS

Chairman Drake reviewed with the Board Change Orders #1 and #2 for the electrical contract with M. B. Haynes Company for the County Office Building. Change Order #1 was for an addition of \$3,000.00, and Change Order #2 was for a deduction of \$165.00. These Change Orders were discussed in April but were not entered into the Minutes of that meeting. Chairman Drake stated that Change Orders #1 and #2 need to be approved and recorded in the Minutes. Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve Change Orders #1 and #2. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Chairman Drake informed the Board that Change Orders #3 General Contract (Cocper) in the amount of +11,776.00; Change Order #1 Mechanical Contract (Martin) in the amount of +290.90; and Change Order #1 Plumbing Contract (Face) in the amount of +58.30 were approved at the April 19, 1989 meeting but were not included in the Minutes of that meeting. Therefore, these Change Orders need to be approved and recorded in the Minutes. Commissioner Edney made the motion that these Change Orders be approved. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Baker made the motion to go into Executive Session. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Randall made the motion to resume regular session. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to reduce the Room Tax Penalty for Highland Lake Inn and Conference Center from \$300 to \$75. Commissioner Edney amended the motion to include that a formal policy regarding room tax penalty be established. All voted in favor, and the motion carried. David Nicholson, Finance Officer, will survey other counties in the State to determine their policies regarding Room Tax Penalty.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to appoint Commissioner Randall as Secondary Member to Region B. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


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PROCLAMATION

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

WHEREAS, North Carolina has developed one of the finest Emergency Medical Services (EMS) programs in the nation since it was created by the General Assembly in 1973. The progress and growth of EMS has resulted in better equipped and designed ambulances, improved personnel training, more efficient emergency departments, and simplified public access.

WHEREAS, all North Carolinians can be proud of our emergency medical system which provides life-saving treatment and care 24-hours a day. This is made possible by the dedicated team effort of emergency medical techniques, paramedics, emergency department physicians and nurses who received specialized training to respond quickly and efficiently to emergencies.

WHEREAS, thousands of citizens volunteer their time to provide this invaluable service. In addition, many North Carolinians have been trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in order to help others during a medical emergency. To recognize and honor this dedication and service, we set aside a special period to observe this great contribution to our people and state.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of September 17-23, 1989, as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Henderson County, and dedicate this observance to those individuals whose tireless and selfless efforts provide critical lifesaving medical care to our citizens.

Signed this 5th day of September 1989.



William T. Drake, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners