

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JULY 3, 1989

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Henderson County Courthouse in the District Courtroom.

Those present were: Chairman William T. Drake, Commissioner Hugh D. Randall, Commissioner F. Richard Baker, Commissioner Troy L. Maybin, Commissioner J. Michael Edney, County Administrator Jerry B. Myers, Finance Director David E. Nicholson, County Planner Matt Matteson, Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn, and the news media. Absent was the County Attorney Don H. Elkins.

Chairman Drake called the meeting to order, and Rev. Sidney Lanier of East Flat Rock United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

PUBLIC INPUT : NONE

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 12, June 19, June 21, and June 26 meetings were reviewed and corrected. All the minutes stand approved as corrected.

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Chairman Drake made the necessary adjustments to the Agenda. Under New Business, the Commissioners need to adjourn and reconvene as Cane Creek Water and Sewer District. That was the only adjustment to the agenda.

NOMINATIONS

Chairman Drake announced that there is one vacancy on the JTPA Committee. There were no nominations, therefore the matter was rolled to the next Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairman Drake announced that there is one vacancy on the Youth Development Committee. There were no nominations and the matter was rolled to the next Commissioners' Meeting.

NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES

Chairman Drake informed the Board that there are 2 vacancies on the WCCA Board of Directors. Nominations will be accepted at the next Commissioners' Meeting.

SCHEDULE OF VALUES

Ms. Brenda King, County Assessor, stated that no-one had been to her office to review the Manual or Schedule of Values. Chairman Drake stated that no-one had been to the Commissioners' Office to review it either. Commissioner Randall made a motion to adopt the Manual/Schedule of Values as presented by Ms. King. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

CABLE TV REVIEW COMMITTEE -Report

Commissioner Dick Baker, Chairman of the Cable TV Review Committee reviewed their report for the Commissioners.

In summary, the Committee recommends that the Board of County Commissioners obtain a broader selection of potential new franchise recipients and that the Committee solicit new formal proposals based on administrative and technical specifications to be set by Henderson County. The Committee will develop these specifications for full Board endorsement. In

addition, the Committee recommends that the Commissioners develop and adopt a resolution of support for legislation currently pending in Congress to allow more local control over CATV companies, including their rate structure, and forward copies of this resolution to our Congressmen and Senators. The Committee feels that they should advertise in two known periodicals to get additional interested cable companies to submit proposals.

Commissioner Baker stated in their research it is interesting to note that the average cost for cable TV service across the country is \$13.40 for 35 channels.

Chairman Drake questioned how long it would be before the Committee can come up with technical specifications and administrative requirements to submit for proposals. Mr. Baker stated he felt this could be ready by the Commissioners' Meeting on August 7, 1989.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to adopt the Resolution which the Committee submitted, a copy is attached to these minutes. The Resolution will be forwarded to our Senators and Congressman. He further moved to adopt the Committee's report and develop the specifications for the bid package. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

FOCUS-Victim Assistance Grant

Chairman Drake informed the Board he had received a request for the approval of the final grant application. David Nicholson saw no problems in the implementation of this grant. Mr. Nicholson did call attention to three specifications of the grant.

Commissioner Edney made a motion authorizing Chairman Drake to sign the application and return it to the Governor's Crime Commission within 20 days of receipt. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

ORDINANCE RESOLUTIONS from the Town of Fletcher

Chairman Drake informed the Board of 5 Resolution requests from the Town of Fletcher. He has received from the governing body of the Town of Fletcher requests to enforce the Henderson County Animal Control Ordinance within the boundaries of the Town of Fletcher, the Outdoor Advertising Sign Control Ordinance, Henderson County Inspection Ordinance, and the Henderson County Automobile Graveyard and Junkyard Ordinance, and the Henderson County Land Development Ordinance, all within the boundaries of the Town of Fletcher.

Commissioner Maybin made a motion to honor the request of the town of Fletcher and enforce the above noted Ordinances until such time as the Town of Fletcher adopts their own ordinances. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

TAX RELEASES

Eleven (11) Tax Release Requests from the County Tax Assessor's Office were reviewed as follows:

Myron G. Anderson	16.23	Property not in county
J. Lawrence Baker	28.99	Property not in county
William Barrick	28.34	Double Listed
Helen Baranwell Jones	79.80	Double Listed
W.H. Judy	83.31	Double Listed
Robert W. Lee	35.00	Property not in county
H. Realty Co.	3,266.71	Double Listed
Donald K. Olsenburg	57.53	Other
Florence M. Patton	41.33	Property not in county
Ralph L. Reed	25.87	Property not in county
John L. Tealison	382.21	Double Listed

Commissioner Baker made a motion to grant these 11 tax release requests. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

OFFER TO PURCHASE THE COUNTY'S RIGHTS TO:

1 Lot Highland Lake Club, Lot # 73, Map # 1.

Mr. John McCrae, Jr. offered \$2,000.00

Commissioner Baker made a motion to receive this bid and advertise for upset bids. The motion carried.

Attached is a letter from Attorney W.B.W. Nowa concerning the chain of title to this lot.

TREND Request

TREND is requesting a higher grade pay level. For several years Trend has had to upgrade its salaries for psychiatrists above the rest of our salary plan in order to recruit and retain psychiatrists ---to be competitive. This has meant that the salary ranges for psychiatrists exceed the salary range for the types of physicians employed by Henderson and Transylvania County Health Departments. Therefore, they are requesting, as required by State Personnel rules to get the Commissioners' agreement for TREND salary ranges for psychiatrists to exceed the range of the highest paying county in the TREND catchment area. A proposed resolution was submitted.

Commissioner Randall made a motion to approve the Resolution. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

EMS INSURANCE ASSIGNMENT

Chairman Drake recognized David Nicholson who presented a memo to the Board, recommending the following policy effective as of August 1, 1989:

1. Henderson County will no longer file private insurance claims or Medicare forms.
2. Henderson County will no longer accept Medicare assignment, except for nursing or rest home patients. Nursing and rest homes will be requested to submit to the E.M.S. office all their patient's private insurance, Medicaid and Medicare numbers. (This will allow for automatic filing of these claims.)
3. Patients, except for nursing and rest home patients, will be informed that they are responsible for the entire bill, no matter what reimbursements they might receive.

The major reason for this is the amount of actual reimbursement received through the Medicare program. The actual cost per trip is \$120.00, the county bills \$60.00 for a basic fee. Should additional services be needed, such as advanced life support, there is a separate charge. Medicare only reimburses the county an average of \$28.48. The patient is required to pay a co-payment of \$7.12. The total reimbursement is \$35.60, we can not collect the remaining \$24.40 from the patient or Medicare.

Chairman Drake stressed that this would not cause a change in call procedure, just in billing procedure. The collection rate would not change for rest home patients.

Commissioner Edney made a motion to adopt this policy of not accepting assignment, effective August 1, 1989. The motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners recessed, to go into a Cane Creek Water and Sewer District meeting. After the recess the Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Commissioner Naybin made a motion for the Board to go into

Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to return to regular session.

Commissioner Maybin made a motion to appoint Brenda King as County Tax Assessor for a period of 2 years. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Maybin made a motion not to expand the Industrial Development Committee at this time. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Elizabeth W. Corn
Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk

William T. Drake
William T. Drake, Chairman