

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 5, 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 Superior Courtroom.

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

Chairman Drake called the meeting to order, and David Nicholson, Finance Director, gave the invocation.

PUBLIC INPUT : NONE

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 17, 1989 Commissioners' Meeting were approved as presented.

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Chairman Drake made the necessary adjustments to the Agenda. Under Unfinished Business "J", Bond Resolution was added.

PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Maybin made a motion to go into Public Hearing for the 1989/1990 Budget. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments concerning the budget.

Chairman Drake recognized David Nicholson, Finance Director, who presented the base budget. Mr. Nicholson stated that the 1989/1990 budget was submitted to the County Commissioners on May 17, a copy was placed with the Clerk to the Board at that time for public review. Mr. Nicholson further stated that the Board would review this budget in its entirety at the upcoming Budget Workshops and make decisions at that time.

David Nicholson recognized the following persons for public comment:

John Hill, Chief of Valley Hill Volunteer Fire Dept., who requested a 3.5 cent increase in their tax rate. This increase is necessary due to increased expense of protective clothing and also to fund Hazardous Waste Training.

Robert Pond, Garton Volunteer Fire Dept., who requested a 3 cent increase in their tax rate, this increase is also due to added expense of protective clothing and Hazardous Waste Training.

William McKay, representing Main Street Hendersonville and Downtown Development Corporation of Hendersonville, requested \$7,000 for Main Street Hendersonville, Inc. this year to continue their work, this is no increase.

Pat Ritchie, representing the Council on the Status of Women, requested that the Board honor the budget request submitted by the Council on the Status of Women.

Bobby Garrett, Edneyville Volunteer Fire Department President, asked for a 5 cent increase in their tax rate, the first since their contract was signed in 1971. They are in need of protective clothing and are working to reduce their rating in order to get better insurance rating for county citizens.

Jim Volk, asked that funds not be cut that would benefit children with learning problems or children from broken homes. Mr. Volk feels this money is needed for diagnostic services and prescription teaching.

Barbara Volk, addressed three areas; #1. Education - She requested that funds not be cut. She feels there is a need for smaller classes, more personal attention and more personnel in the schools, #2. Dispute Settlement Center - She requested continued funding from the Board, #3. Law Enforcement Center - She expressed the need for funding for additional positions and also continued funding for the DARE program.

Tim Cosgrove, Attorney for the City School Board, although pleased with the Board's granting of funds under the current expense funds, is displeased with the capital outlay funds. Mr. Cosgrove quoted statutes dealing with the capital outlay funds. Mr. Cosgrove feels that if a tax increase is necessary to fund the education needs, the public is ready and willing to accept that increase.

Bryan Parsons, representative of two organizations: # 1. Hendersonville Merchant's Association - who are requesting \$6,000 to continue their work, and #2. Henderson County United Way - requesting funding to continue the DARE program. Also Mr. Parsons states that additional funding is needed in the Sheriff's Department in order to continue and expand the DARE program.

Virginia Creekman, asked that the Board not allow the disagreements the two school boards are having to cloud the budget. She requested that the Board increase funding for education and if increased taxes are required to do this, so be it.

Frank Aaron, Pardee Hospital Administrator, asked that the Commissioners keep an open mind to any requests for funding that may be made soon by the Blue Ridge Health Center and Valley Clinic.

Ann Lippencott, League of Women Voters, requested that the Board provide full funding for education.

Frank Byrd, Board of Director for PAL (Parent Assistance Line), requested support in two areas: #1. Full funding for continuation of the DARE program through the Sheriff Department, and #2. Full funding for continued progress in our education program.

Glenn Marlowe, Superintendent of Henderson County Schools, stated he was here as a representative for the Henderson County Board of Education and about 9,300 children. He requested \$4,845,000 from the Board for budget needs.

David Nicholson asked if there were anyone else in the audience who wished to speak, there were none.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to close the public hearing and the motion carried unanimously.

NOMINATIONS

Chairman Drake announced that there is one vacancy on the Council on the Status of Women. Commissioner Baker nominated Joyce Armstrong. Commissioner Maybin made a motion to suspend the rules and appoint Ms. Armstrong. The motion carried.

Chairman Drake announced that there is one vacancy on the Hendersonville City Zoning Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Maybin nominated Joe Erwin as an alternate member. Commissioner Baker made a motion to suspend the rules and appoint Joe Erwin. The motion carried.

Chairman Drake announced that there are two vacancies on the JTPA Committee. Chairman Drake nominated Bette Carter. Commissioner Baker made a motion to suspend the rules and appoint Bette Carter and to hold the other vacancy open until the next Commissioners' Meeting. The motion carried.

Chairman Drake announced that there are two vacancies on the Henderson County Board of Health. Commissioner Baker nominated Mary McDuffie. Chairman Drake nominated Keith Shelley and Harold Blythe. A vote will be taken at the next Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairman Drake announced that there are four vacancies on the Cable Franchise Review Committee. Two of these vacancies need filled with County Commissioners and two with members of the general public. Commissioners Edney and Baker volunteered to serve on this committee. Chairman Drake nominated Tom Anderson as a member of the public. Commissioner Maybin made a motion to appoint these three members as well as the following: County Attorney, Don Elkins
County Administrator, Jerry Myers, and
County Planner, Matt Matteson.

Commissioner Baker requested that the other vacancy be held open until he could contact an individual to serve on the committee. By consensus, the Board agreed that Mr. Baker would appoint the final member so that the committee could begin work. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman Drake announced that there are 5 Vacancies on the Industrial Development Committee. Commissioner Maybin made a motion to hold these vacancies open until the next Commissioners' Meeting. Chairman Drake will poll the affected agencies for nominations.

GREEN RIVER MANAGEMENT BOARD - Recommendation

Green River Management Board is requesting that the number of Board members be reduced from twelve to nine in order to have a quorum present at meetings. This request is on hold for some clarification. No action was taken at this time.

THOMPSON STREET - Abandonment of Maintenance

Highland Investors, Ltd. has requested that approximately 450' of Thompson Street (SR #1519) be abandoned, they own the land on both sides. In accordance with GS 136-63, the City Commissioners have been notified and have approved the abandonment of that portion of Thompson Street that goes into the Lake Pointe Landing project. Commissioner Baker made a motion to grant the request for abandonment. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

TREND Agreement

Chairman Drake asked the County Attorney if he had had time to review the agreement between Trend Community Mental Health Services and Henderson County Commissioners. Mr. Elkins has reviewed the agreement and sees no problem with it. Commissioner Maybin made a motion to accept and approve this agreement. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

REGION B Decision

County Administrator Jerry Myers presented a memo to the Board outlining some of the concerns the Board had voiced at the previous Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Edney made a motion to join and at the same time give our intent to withdraw at the end of two years, as required by Statute and Charter. Our Board will submit the following list of items to the Council to be addressed as concerns of the Board. A vote was taken and the motion carried with Mr. Baker voting no.

- 1) Providing Region B with formal notice of our intent to withdraw at the end of fiscal year 1990-1991 or two years as required by Statute and Charter.
- 2) Requesting that Region B examine the various alter-

- native methods of weighted voting.
- 3) Requesting that Region B examine the various alternative methods of assessing membership dues and fees.
 - 4) Requesting that Region B provide Henderson County with a comprehensive quarterly report of activities and the cost benefit of such activities within Henderson County.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S SOLID WASTE REGULATIONS - Suggested Amendments

County Administrator Jerry Myers presented to the Board a list of possible amendments for their review. If approved these amendments would be submitted to the Health Department for their review. They would then become part of the County Sanitation and Solid Waste Ordinance. Discussion followed. Commissioner Edney made a motion to hold this item for a decision until the next Commissioners' Meeting, so the Board could have more time to review these possible amendments. The motion carried.

HOME HEALTH STAFF TRANSFER

Chairman Drake made the Board aware of a letter received from Pardee Hospital's Administrator, Mr. Frank J. Aason. In the letter the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion that Pardee Hospital accept the transfer of Home Health Services from the Health Department to its own jurisdiction. The move would involve 16-17 employees at the present time. Commissioner Baker made a motion to grant this request and the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The Board of Elections is in need of new voting machines and requested a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss the different types of voting machines. Chairman Drake stated that the Commissioners need to see some of the machines before making any acquisition. The Commissioners requested a display of voting machines for comparison. The Board of Elections is to contact the State Board of Elections and to try to obtain at least three different styles of voting machines to have on display at the next Commissioners' Meeting on June 21, 1989.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

Ms. Robin Sexton, Solid Waste Planner for Land-of-Sky, summarized a proposal from BIRAP. Land-of-Sky is requesting that Henderson County appropriate \$2,500 to match the \$2,500 grant funds for a \$5,000 total program. The Program would begin on or about June 15 and continue for six months. Chairman Drake asked if there were any questions from the Board and requested they wait until after Executive Session today to make their decision.

BOND RESOLUTION

Finance Director David Nicholson presented a Bond Resolution for approval. The Bond Resolution states that the Public Building Bonds dated June 1, 1989 have all been sold and gives the interest rates paid on them from 1990 through 1999. Commissioner Edney made a motion to accept the Resolution and Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is attached.

ROAD PETITIONS

Chairman Drake informed the Board that a Road Petition has been received for Fernwood Drive, to add it to the State System. Commissioner Maybin made a motion that this Road Petition be referred on to the Department of Transportation

for processing. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Chairman Drake informed the Board that a Road Petition has been received for Miama Terrace for paving. Commissioner Maybin made a motion that this Road Petition be referred on to the Department of Transportation for processing but is not recommending that Miama Terrace be taken out of order on the paving priority list. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

TAX RELEASES

Fifteen (15) Tax Release Requests from the County Assessor's Office were reviewed as follows:

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| John Wayne Arnold | \$42.02 | Double Listed |
| Bruce Banks & Wife | 38.95 | Other |
| Bruce Banks | 22.00 | Double Listed |
| Douglas D. Capps | 48.61 | Double Listed |
| Robert D. & Marie Hoots | 15.25 | Double Listed |
| Ralph Isaacs | 115.94 | Double Listed |
| C.E. Jones | 19.64 | Double Listed |
| Donald T. Kirtley | 361.43 | Other |
| Hughie L. Lawter ETAL | 134.08 | Clerical Error |
| David Lee & Brenda McMurray | 263.03 | Double Listed |
| Percy Wilson Mortgage Finance | 74.02 | Double Listed |
| Percy Wilson Mortgage Finance | 18.46 | Other |
| John E. Sluder & Wife | 72.48 | Double Listed |
| Edith Adell Smith | 79.78 | Other |
| Mark Verhaeghe | 121.11 | Clerical Error |

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

The Board recessed into a Cane Creek Water and Sewer District meeting.

The Board recessed into a Mud Creek Water and Sewer District meeting.

Commissioner Maybin made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Edney made a motion to return to regular session.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve change orders # 10 and #11 for the County Office Building. 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