

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 1, 1989

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

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 Planner Matt Matteson; Administrative Secretary Mona W. Quinn; Clerk to the Board Libby 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 April 19, 1989 Commissioners Meeting were reviewed and corrected. The Minutes were approved as corrected.

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA :

Chairman Drake made the necessary adjustments to the Agenda. Under Unfinished Business "E", Etowah Valley Variance, was added. "D", Update on Henderson Country Drug and Alcohol Abuse Task Force, was rolled to the mid-month meeting. Number 2, Private Industry Council, was added to "J", Notification of Vacancies. "K", Invitation from the Council on the Status of Women, was also added to the Agenda. These were all the necessary adjustments.

PUBLIC HEARING - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROJECT :

Commissioner Maybin made a motion to go into the Public Hearing to hear public comment concerning future community development block grant. Motion carried.

Chairman Drake recognized Jane Miller, who brought us up to date on the status of the Block Grant Application Process. The Public Hearing tonight is the first of two Public Hearings, the second to be held May 17. The Project is funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the State Natural Resources and Community Development. Tonight's Public Hearing is to receive general input on community development in the County in general.

An area has already been specifically identified, the Valley View Community. The County may apply for up to \$600,000 for programs to benefit low and moderate income persons. The Valley View Community was selected for application this year and preliminary planning has begun. Ms. Miller stated that surveying the Community's ownership and housing conditions has been done and some photographs have been taken. Photographs were passed around to the Commissioners at this time.

In 1986 the Commissioners submitted a grant application to NRCD for \$220,000 to benefit the Valley View Community. The activities were for housing rehabilitation, which is general repair of the housing, for demolition of the houses that are in the condition that has passed the point of being either feasible to be repaired or cost worthiness to be repaired. Families in the houses that must be demolished would be given the opportunity to relocate outside the community or to have housing reconstructed back on the site, provided some type of arrangement can be worked out toward the ownership of the piece of property. Clearance of property of debris, junked vehicles, appliances, etc. is needed. Individual septic

tanks and wells are needed. Improvements are needed to provide access to the property, such as driveways and streets. The residents have been made aware that the property must be kept in good condition after repairs are made and that this will be their responsibility. Ms. Miller remained available during the Public Hearing to answer questions.

Chairman Drake recognized the following people for public comment:

Elizabeth Ryan, League of Women Voters, informed the Commissioners that the League of Women Voters wholeheartedly supports this application for the Block Grant. A letter will be forthcoming to confirm their official statement.

Commissioner Randall asked of Ms. Miller, if any of the citizens would be displaced or did the preliminary survey show that most of them could remain there after they were rebuilt. Ms. Miller indicated that this is a choice of the community. They could possibly all stay on the property.

Commissioner Baker asked of Ms. Miller how many of the residences are owned by the occupants. She stated that the majority of them are owned. There are two that one might call "rental"; they own their own mobile home but not the land it sits on.

Mattie McClain, a concerned citizen, addressed the Board about the needs of the residents. She expressed her concern about the fire hazard that currently exists in the homes. She stated that most of the residents are in their 60's and 70's. She stated her willingness to work with the people and expressed a need for workshops on inside plumbing and other areas. Ms. McClain feels that if we provide them a better place to live, it will bring their lifestyle up, and they will work to keep it in good condition.

Pat Ritchie, President of the League of Henderson County Property Owners, addressed the Board of Commissioners as a representative of over 1,000 property owners in Henderson County. She stated the League's support of the application for Federal Community Development Block Grant for the Valley View Community. She, personally, has visited both Brickton and Valley View and stated that Brickton is an excellent example of the long-term effect of what a grant can do and has done for a community. The League respectfully requested that the County Commissioners vote to apply for the Valley View Grant and spend whatever matching funds are necessary to ensure that the application will be granted.

Jim Tate, Chairman of the Subdivision Council, League of Henderson County Property Owners, Inc., indicated that his group is concerned with problems and/or conditions affecting the health, safety, welfare, lifestyle, or property values of Henderson County in general and the subdivisions particularly. He urged the Commissioners to support the application and support it with however much is necessary in matching funds.

Louise Clayton asked the Board to please help the people; they are in terrible shape and need help.

Scott Dedman, Pisgah Legal Services, stated that his service represents low income people in six counties from Madison County to Rutherford County, but he has never seen housing that is in such serious condition as the houses in the Valley View Community. He stated that there are approximately 41 people in the neighborhood, and 14 are children, and 10 are over age 55. He stated that a serious consideration is the junk and trash on the property and also the need for clarification of property lines. Mr. Dedman thanked the Commissioners for addressing this urgent need and made a recommendation that the County provide \$50,000.

Ms. Jane Miller reminded the Board of Commissioners that most grants do extend over two fiscal years.

Chairman Drake asked if anyone else wished to give public comment concerning the Community Development Block Grant. No one else asked to be heard.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion so moved.

Chairman Drake stated that at the mid-month meeting he needed the grant application prepared and in his hands about one week before that meeting.

HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPANSION PROGRAM :

Nancy Snowden, Adult Services Librarian and Library Building Project Coordinator, thanked the Board for the chance to present the proposal for renovation. In 1970 the present Library opened; it was designed for a growth span of 20 years. An additional 2,000 linear feet of shelving is needed to house the present collection of books and 1,100 additional square feet are needed for seating. The immediate and the projected growth in population have been used to determine the future needs. She would like to begin a Public Fund Raising Campaign and requested the Commissioners approve the Building Program so that they may begin fund raising. The estimated cost of the project is 1.6 million dollars, of which 1.35 million is available.

Commissioner Baker asked about future parking space since the project would double the present Library space.

Ms. Snowden indicated that a drive-up book drop would alleviate some of the parking problem and that there is a lower level lot which would be paved for use.

Morris Kaplan, Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees, stated that the public would be so happy with the expanded services that they probably wouldn't mind to have to walk a block to get to the Library.

Mrs. Black, Friends of the Library, expressed an anxious desire to help with fund raising. They have had inquiries from people who would like to make a donation.

Chairman Drake indicated that the Friends would need to obtain approval from and work closely with the Library Board of Trustees.

Morris Kaplan indicated that it may be premature to start raising funds at this time. The projected building plans should be studied and approved, a Public Hearing held, and then fund raising can begin.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to grant authorization to go to the preliminary design phase of the addition to the Library. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

LAND-OF-SKY REGIONAL COUNCIL :

Mayor Andy Andrews from Montreat, Chairman of the Land-Of-Sky Council, expressed his thanks for being on the Agenda. He recognized three people; Mr. George Knopf, Mayor of Laurel Park; Mr. Bob Shepherd, Executive Director; and Fran Waser, a fellow Commissioner in Transylvania County.

Mr. Andrews indicated that the Council has undergone years of change and revision and would like to document reasons for Henderson County to rejoin the Council.

There was discussion as to reasons that Henderson County withdrew from the Council. Chairman Drake and Commissioner Baker addressed some of these reasons.

Mr. Andrews stated the Land-Of-Sky Council is a business, and it would only cost Henderson County approximately \$9,522 more than current expenses to Land-Of-Sky for membership for next year. Bob Shepherd said that the Council would do their best to make it worthwhile for Henderson County to rejoin.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Drake informed the Board that there are four nominations for three positions on the Henderson County Planning Board. Each Commissioner was given three votes. He asked the Clerk to poll the Board. After the vote the three appointees were: Luther Smith, Russell Burrell, and Tom Grant.

Chairman Drake announced that there are three nominations for two positions on the Hospital Board of Trustees. Once again the Board was polled and the two appointments are: Charles Waters and William Parker.

#### NOMINATIONS

Chairman Drake announced that there is one vacancy on the Council on the Status of Women. There were no nominations and this matter was rolled to the next Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairman Drake announced that there is one vacancy on the Hendersonville City Zoning Board of Adjustment for an alternate member. There were no nominations at this time and the matter was rolled to the next Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairman Drake announced that there are two vacancies on the Blue Ridge Community College Board of Trustees. Commissioner Maybin nominated Fritz McCall. Commissioner Baker made a motion to hold the vacancies open until the next Commissioners' Meeting. The motion was approved.

Chairman Drake announced that there is one vacancy on the Social Services Board of Directors. Commissioner Maybin nominated Dr. Crit Harley. A vote will be held at the next Commissioners' Meeting in order to make the appointment.

Chairman Drake announced that there are four vacancies on the Henderson County Board of Health. Sam Reese and Joyce Gaines have both served three consecutive terms and are not eligible for reappointment. Dr. Draper has stated his willingness to serve again. Mr. Drake is presently the Commissioner on the Henderson County Board of Health. There are two general public vacancies. Commissioner Maybin nominated Dr. Draper and Chairman Drake to serve on the Board of Health. As to these two statutory required positions, Commissioner Maybin moved to suspend the rules and reappoint these two to the Board of Health.

Chairman Drake announced that there are two vacancies on the Mountain Valleys Resource Conservation and Development Program. J. B. Osteen has shown a willingness to serve again. Commissioner Maybin nominated J. B. Osteen and Matt Matteson, County Planner, to the Mountain Valleys Resource Conservation and Development Program. Commissioner Baker made a motion to suspend the rules and appoint these two. Motion carried.

#### ETOWAH VALLEY VARIANCE

Matt Matteson, County Planner, stated that on April 29, the County approved a nine-lot minor subdivision report for Etowah Valley. The Ordinance at the time restricted development for a minor subdivision at ten lots. Etowah Valley asked that an additional two lots be developed. The Planning Board could not approve the subdivision under the minor subdivision procedure within a three-year period. The Ordinance was amended two months later and as it was amended it would have allowed the partitioner to develop these 11 lots. The Planning Board reviewed this request as a variance and recommends to the Board that the Etowah Valley Country

Club be allowed to develop these two lots. Commissioner Baker made a motion to grant the request to Etowah Valley. Motion carried.

#### DISPUTE SETTLEMENT CENTER PRESENTATION

Dean Crawford, President of Board of Directors, addressed the Board of Commissioners requesting a budget allocation of \$6,000. Last year they requested this amount and got half; this year they are making a plea for the full amount.

Ninety percent of all disputes that come to the Center for mediation are resolved. The Dispute Settlement Center started with eight mediators and has grown to 31. Mr. Crawford stated that he feels the Center prevents violence; he knows they prevent friction. They are now having to turn people away. Their biggest benefit is community improvement because they help people resolve their problems in a non-violent way.

George Knopf stated that the Dispute Settlement Center would not have gotten off the ground without the Commissioners granting them "seed money" and thanked the Board for their support.

Chairman Drake stated that the Board of Commissioners would consider the request.

#### CBA TASK FORCE

Lee Ragsdale, Chairman of the CBA Task Force, provided the recommendations of the CBA Task Force concerning the 1989-1990 allocation of funds. His recommendations to the Board were:

New Hope Shelter-----\$63,900.00 in CBA Funds  
Early Intervention Project-----\$19,353.00 in CBA Funds

Thirty percent match from Henderson County will be required. Commissioner Maybin made a motion to accept this request, subject to budget approval. Motion carried.

Chairman Drake recognized Harold Conner who introduced three visitors with him in the audience. Sara Waechter, Chairman Parris, and John Parrish, who are the interim governing body for the proposed Town of Fletcher.

#### PARK RIDGE HOSPITAL INVITATION

Chairman Drake informed the Board of an invitation to visit Park Ridge Hospital for lunch on May 17 at 12:30. It was agreed the Board would adjourn during their mid-month meeting to attend the lunch and tour.

#### HENDERSON COUNTY DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE TASK FORCE - UPDATE

This item was rolled to the mid-month Commissioner's Meeting.

#### DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES RESOLUTION - HOUSE BILL 401

Liston Smith asked for Board support of House Bill 401, which offers State funds to all counties in the State to fund Child Protective Services Workers. Mr. Smith stated that the Block Grant money which is used for Social Workers has been eroding since 1980 and now offers 55 percent less spending power than in 1980. At present, the State only gives Henderson County \$10,000 for Child Protective Service Programs.

Mr. Smith recognized Jerrie McFalls, Supervisor of the Child Welfare Unit, and Renee Kumcr, Chairman of the Social Services Board, who were available to answer any questions.

At the last Social Services Board Meeting they unanimously approved a draft resolution which is recommended for Board approval.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Maybin suggested that a signature block be added to the Resolution for signatures of the Chairman of Social Services and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

#### HENDERSON COUNTY PARKS and RECREATION BYLAWS

Chairman Drake informed the Board of a request from the Henderson County Parks and Recreation Department to amend their Bylaws changing their meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Maybin made a motion to make this requested change in the Bylaws. Motion carried.

#### ROAD PETITION

Chairman Drake informed the Board that a Road Petition had been received regarding Rugby Knolls Drive. Commissioner Maybin made a motion that this Road Petition be referred 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 regarding Mills River Presbyterian Church Road. Commissioner Maybin made a motion that the Road Petition be referred on to the Department of Transportation for processing, but that it not be taken out of order on the priority list for paving. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Chairman Drake noted that if the new highway package is adopted by the Legislature, the secondary roads money for Henderson County would almost double. Statewide \$68 million is currently in the Secondary Roads Budget, and \$128 million would be available if the new package passes.

Henderson County currently receives \$1,291,974.00 for Secondary Roads, and under the new plan it would be \$2,913,000.00. Any road that has 50 cars or more as a traffic count would be paved by the year 2000.

#### TAX RELEASES

Twenty (20) Tax Release Requests from the County Tax Assessor's Office were reviewed as follows:

Samuel A. Campbell	\$ 23.26	Double Listed
Leon E. Chapman & Wife	753.22	Clerical Error
Joseph B. Coates & Wife	52.95	Other
Charles Enman Heirs	289.08	Other
Barbara Drake	42.52	Other
Caroline P. Fishburn	66.91	Other
Ronald Galyean	39.81	Clerical Error
W. C. Gilvertson & Wife	12.88	Other
J. E. Griffin Etal	24.16	Clerical Error
Roger & Jane Hall	12.76	Double Listed
James F. Heaton	9.10	Clerical Error
Donald W. Hoefle, Jr.	173.89	Property Not in County
Garland Lyda & Wife	173.06	Double Listed
Marvin E. Lyles & Wife	10.24	Double Listed
Leon & Betty McAbee	13.30	Other
D. E. Patty, Jr.	49.93	Other
D. E. Patty, Jr.	152.03	Other
James L. Russell	57.30	Double Listed
Larry Steve Taylor	105.50	Property not in County
Roger L. Wilkerson & Brenda	283.83	Double Listed

Commissioner Maybin made a motion to grant these tax releases, provided all the paperwork is in order. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

#### TAX RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Drake informed the Board that Darrell Morgan has submitted payment for back taxes, and a Tax Deed has been

requested. Commissioner Baker made a motion that the Resolution be accepted. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Chairman Drake informed the Board that James Suttles as Administrator of the Estate of C. L. Suttles, has submitted payment for back taxes and a Tax Deed has been requested. Commissioner Maybin made a motion to grant the Resolution. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES

Chairman Drake informed the Board that there are three vacancies on the Youth Development Committee.

Chairman Drake informed the Board that there are two vacancies on the Private Industry Council. According to the Statutes, one of the vacancies must be filled with a person representing a female owned or managed private business and the other position must be filled with a person representing a minority owned or managed private business.

INVITATION FROM THE COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Pat Ritchie invited the Board to the First Annual Council on the Status of Women Legislative Breakfast to be held at the Chariot on May 15 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Commissioner Baker made a motion to return to regular session. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to accept the Change Orders submitted on the New Addition to the Henderson County Office Building. The Change Orders were submitted as follows:

Change Order No. 4-----Increase by this Order-----	\$ 2,342.00
Change Order No. 5-----Increase by this Order-----	1,812.46
Change Order No. 6-----Increase by this Order-----	2,098.00
Change Order No. 7-----Increase by this Order-----	5,308.00
Change Order No. 8-----Increase by this Order-----	<u>1,703.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$13,263.46

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Libby W. Corn*  
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Clerk to the Board

*William T. Drake*  
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Chairman