

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a mid-month meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the County Office Building.

Those present were: Chairman William T. Drake, Commissioner Hugh D. Randall, Commissioner F. Richard Baker, Commissioner J. Michael Edney, County Attorney Don H. Elkins, County Administrator Jerry Myers, Finance Director David E. Nicholson, and Administrative Secretary Mona Quinn.

Chairman Drake called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the February 6, 1989 Commissioners Meeting were reviewed and corrected. The Minutes were approved as corrected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NOMINATIONS

Chairman Drake informed the Board that there is one vacancy on the Nursing Home/Domiciliary Home Advisory Committee. There were no nominations, and the matter will be rolled over to the next meeting.

Chairman Drake informed the Board that there is one vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. This matter will be held over and discussed during Executive Session.

Chairman Drake informed the Board that there is one vacancy on the Council on the Status of Women. There were no nominations, and the matter will be rolled over to the next meeting.

Chairman Drake informed the Board that there is one vacancy on Main Street Incorporated. Troy Maybin nominated Michael Edney for a one-year term. There were no other nominations. Richard Baker made the motion to suspend the rules and appoint Michael Edney. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Chairman Drake informed the Board that there is one vacancy on the Land-of-Sky Private Industry Council. There were no nominations, and this matter will be rolled over to the next meeting.

Chairman Drake informed the Board that there are three vacancies on the Recreation Board. Richard Baker nominated Troy Maybin and Charles Roberts for appointment to the Recreation Board. Troy Maybin submitted the name of Ray Tucker for nomination to the Recreation Board. Michael Edney made a motion to suspend the rules and nominate these three people to the Recreation Board. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Chairman Drake informed the Board that there are ten vacancies on the CBA Task Force. Troy Maybin nominated Nancy Hargrelson, Patti Leonard, George Knopf, Lee Ragsdale, Barbara Heinz, Tom Mueller, Jerry D. Myers, and Polly Penland to the CBA Task Force. Richard Baker made a motion to suspend the rules and appoint the eight nominees. All voted in favor, and the motion carried. Two vacancies remain on the CBA Task Force.

Chairman Drake informed the Board that there are four vacancies on the Henderson County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Task Force. Richard Baker nominated Dottie Watson, Irma Harris, Jon Terebelski, and Don Waller to the Henderson County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Task Force. Troy Maybin made the motion to suspend the rules and appoint Dottie Watson, Irma Harris, Jon Terebelski, and Don Waller to the Henderson County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Task Force. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

REQUEST FOR CLERICAL POSITION--DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Liston Smith, Director of the Department of Social Services, recommended to the Board that lapsed salaries be used to continue the contractual arrangement for clerical assistance in the Data Entry Department. Jerry Myers reported to the Board that he, Liston Smith, and David Nicholson met and determined that lapsed salaries were available to continue operating on a contract basis through the end of this fiscal year. No action was necessary by the Board at this time.

ENHANCE 911

Tom Edmundson, Director of Emergency Medical Services, reported to the Board that the 911 Committee met to discuss the feasibility of enhancing the County's current 911 System. Bill Campbell from Southern Bell presented to the Board at the 911 Committee's request a proposal for Enhanced 911. Henderson County currently has basic 911 Service. Enhanced 911 would offer the advantages of selective routing, automatic number identification, and automatic location identification. There is a substantial increase in the costs of implementing and operating the Enhanced 911 System. Currently, calls can be immediately transferred from the Sheriff's Department to the Police Department, but the system does not offer number and location identification. Eighteen months to two years would be necessary to obtain the needed information to implement the Enhance 911 System. This would coincide with the completion of the new Courthouse/Law Enforcement Center and could be phased into planning for the new center. The Board agreed to roll this matter over to the March Mid Month Meeting so that more information can be obtained as to total cost to the County and so that citizen's groups can be preparing petitions for telephone subscriber balloting to fund the initial installation costs. The Board took no action at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNTY SCHOOL UPDATE

Glenn Marlow, School Superintendent; Hardy Caldwell, Chairman of the Henderson County Board of Education; Dr. Amy Pace; and Bill Barnwell presented to the Board a review of future plans for the County School System Facilities. There has been a substantial increase in the number of students attending the County School System in the past years which will continue in the future. Reorganization of the school structure from an Elementary, K-6 Grades; Junior High, 7-9 Grades, and High School, 10-12 Grades to an Elementary, K-5 Grades; Middle School 6-8 Grades; and High School, 9-12 Grades is proposed to meet the special needs of each age group, especially the Middle Grades, who have very definite special needs at the ages of 10-14. Reorganization to a 9-12 Grades would allow all graduation requirements to be met on one campus, selection of courses would be easier, vocational needs could more easily be met, and the dropout rate would probably decrease. Reorganization must be planned before constructing any new school buildings or renovating existing buildings. Renovations to the existing school buildings and the construction of two new schools are necessary to accommodate the students currently in the County School System and the projected growth in number of students. Cost of remodeling and construction will be \$42 million. David Nicholson, Finance Director, reported that \$5 million is currently available for both City and County School Systems, and that current revenues would support a \$20 million Bond issue if approved. Glenn Marlow informed that Board that merger talks are progressing, but did not know when a merger would be completed. The Board discussed the need for the City and County School Boards to develop a single prioritized list of capital outlay projects for the Board of Commissioners' consideration. Hugh Randall made a motion that the Board of Commissioners will consider one capital outlay request and will delay any action on requests for capital outlay expenditures until that list has been received. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

SCHEDULED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Troy Maybin made the motion for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

voted in favor. No action was taken in Executive Session.

THE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT OF 1988

Liston Smith, Director of the Department of Social Services, briefed the Board on the Family Support Act of 1988, welfare reform which will affect the AFDC Program, the Child Support Program, and will necessitate implementation of a Work Fare Program in Henderson County. Mr. Smith felt that the Family Support Act will not dramatically affect services in Henderson County. The purpose of the Family Support Act is to better assist clients in becoming self-supporting. There will be costs involved in establishing a Work Fare Program in Henderson County, but Mr. Smith explained that funds will not need to be designated in the 89-90 Fiscal Year, but that he will request funding be designated in the 90-91 Fiscal Year.

MUD CREEK SEWER DISTRICT--UPDATE

Jim Erwin of the Sewer Department reported to the Board that 71 Easements will be required for Phase I, Section I of the Mud Creek Sewer Project. The County has requested 61 Easements from the Attorneys for the Project, and 24 have been received. Of that 24, 5 have been signed, 1 has been refused, 8 are waiting on property owners, 6 are under technical consideration, and 4 are under legal consideration. Engineering drawings on the force main will be received shortly. The County has received 6 Release Deeds. Of these 6, 2 have been signed, 1 is under legal consideration, and 3 are waiting on the property owner. Mr. Erwin reported that residents are very reluctant to allow their land to be used, and some have requested payment for the use of their land. The Board agreed that if residents desire the sewer service, use of the land will be necessary to complete the sewer system. The Board will consider the condemnation process in the future if necessary.

REVALUATION REPORT

Ted McCormick, reported to the Board that the measuring and listing portion of the Revaluation process will be completed by the end of March. Land Pricing has been somewhat delayed due to computer problems. Chairman Drake asked if the problems were sufficient enough to delay any phase of the project. Mr. McCormick stated the computer problems would not delay any phase of the project. Chairman Drake requested that Jerry Myers, David Nicholson, and Ted McCormick work together with Infocel to see that the problems with the computer are resolved. Ted McCormick stated cooperation from the Multiple Listing Service would be of great assistance to them with land pricing. The Board authorized Chairman Drake to write the Board of Realtors asking for their cooperation in this process. Ted McCormick stated the review phase will begin at the end of March for residential and commercial land.

COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE--DEPARTMENT HEAD STATUS REPORT

Brenda King, County Assessor, reported to the Board that in the Tax Listing Office the property cards are being compared to the abstracts to make sure the real estate values are correct. This information will also be checked on the computer before the bills are printed to help eliminate errors.

Ms. King reported that the Land Records Office still has three townships to reconcile the acreage data, and then the mapping process will be completed. Fire Districts are being reviewed to correct errors. Land transfers are now being routed directly to the Mapping Department.

Ms. King assured the Board that the Revaluation Project will finish listing by the end of March, notices will be mailed out in October, and that the hearings can be completed by December. The Project will be completed on schedule.

Ms. King reported that legislation, being considered, will change the Tax Listing Office into a much more professional office. Also, legislation is being considered which will change the method used to determine the value of residential land which is zoned commercial. Legislation may also be passed that would require the revaluation

process to be conducted every few years rather than the current eight years. The Board agreed it would be better to conduct the revaluation more often, every two to three years, which would allow the tax procedure to operate more efficiently.

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE--DEPARTMENT HEAD STATUS REPORT

Terry Lyda, Henderson County Tax Collector, reported to the Board that the Tax Office has processed 51,000 tax bills this year. The Tax Office has collected \$11,751,964.33 during 1988 with a collection percentage of 90.204%. Mr. Lyda voiced his concerns regarding House Bill 98, the Motor Vehicle Tax Bill, which would require tax bills for motor vehicles to be issued 12 times per year and would require back taxes to be paid on any vehicle for which the owner is requesting a license tag. This will greatly increase the workload and costs of the Tax Office. The Board requested that Mr. Lyda contact representatives to discuss the problems House Bill 98 would create for smaller counties and to gain support for opposition to the Bill.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES--DEPARTMENT HEAD STATUS REPORT

Liston Smith, Director of the Department of Social Services, reported to the Board that 70 percent of the clients Social Services assists are elderly. Henderson County has a growing elderly population and demand for services for the elderly will continue to increase. Mr. Smith foresees increased demand for day care services and Medicaid coverage, and feels that these programs will continue to grow in services available to the community. Mr. Smith voiced frustration with the State's mandating certain services to be provided in the counties and yet not allocating sufficient funds to administer the programs.

REGISTER OF DEEDS' OFFICE--DEPARTMENT HEAD STATUS REPORT

Ruby Maxwell, Register of Deeds, reported to the Board that \$38,031.00 in deed stamps was collected during 1988. Recording fees may be increased in the future. Mrs. Maxwell stated the staff is reorganizing the Deed Books to create more space at the Register of Deeds Office.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS--DEPARTMENT HEAD STATUS REPORT

Norma Pryor of the Board of Elections was unable to attend the Commissioner's Meeting today due to illness. The report from Board of Elections will be rescheduled.

TAX REFUND REQUESTS

Ryan Allison has requested a tax refund in the amount of \$96.41 due to the listing of a leased car. Troy Maybin made the motion to grant the request, all paperwork being in order, and all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Amber Babb has requested a tax refund in the amount of \$22.45 due to being overcharged on her Volkswagon. Richard Baker made the motion that this request be granted, and all voted in favor.

Douglas Capps has requested a tax refund in the amount of \$48.61 due to a double leasing of a leased vehicle. Troy Maybin made the motion to grant the request, and all voted in favor.

Ray Mills has requested a tax refund in the amount of \$27.79 due to the double listing of a leased vehicle. Richard Baker made the motion to grant the request, and all voted in favor.

John D. Paron has requested a tax refund in the amount of \$39.96 due to the double listing of his camper. Richard Baker made the motion to grant this request, and all voted in favor.

Joseph Stepp has requested a tax refund in the amount of \$54.30 due to being overcharged for the value of his livestock. Troy Maybin made the motion to grant the request, and all voted in favor.

Mrs. James Watkins has requested a tax refund in the amount of \$25.49

due to a double listing of her mobile home. Richard Baker made the motion to grant this request, and all voted in favor.

Kathleen Williams has requested a tax refund in the amount of \$119.77 due to the double listing of a leased car. Richard Baker made the motion to grant this request, and all voted in favor.

NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES

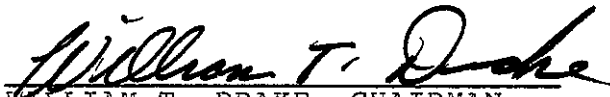
Chairman Drake informed the Board that there are two vacancies on the Hendersonville City Planning Board.


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Troy Maybin made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters, and all voted in favor.

Richard Baker made the motion to go out of Executive Session, and all voted in favor. No action was taken during Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


WILLIAM T. DRAKE, CHAIRMAN


JERRY D. MYERS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
ACTING CLERK TO THE BOARD