

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 3, 1989

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Henderson County Courthouse Annex.

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

Chairman Drake called the meeting to order, and Reverend John Neville of Covenant Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the December 21, 1988 Commissioners Meeting were reviewed and corrected. The Minutes were approved as corrected.

PUBLIC INPUT

Marvin Holder, representative of the Kimzey Road Group, had called and asked to be placed on the Public Input list for tonight's meeting, but neither Mr. Holder nor anyone representing the Kimzey Road Group was present at this meeting.

Ann Lippencott, speaking on behalf of the League of Women Voters, is in support of the construction of a new Jail/Courthouse/Law Enforcement Center and offered their assistance to the citizens of Henderson County and to the Board of Commissioners in planning for the new facility. Ms. Lippencott commended the Board for their foresight in planning for future expansion and allowing input from the public on the process.

Argie Taylor, citizen of Henderson County, stated to the Board of Commissioners that he felt it appropriate to build a new Jail/Courthouse/Law Enforcement Center, but that this new facility should be located at the intersection of I26 and 64 instead of downtown Hendersonville. Mr. Taylor cited accessibility and room for future expansion as the reason for the proposed location.

F. M. Coiner, on behalf of the Bar Association, stated that their organization has formed a committee of persons experienced in the use of court facilities, which will be available to assist the County Commissioners in planning for the new Jail/Courthouse/Law Enforcement Center. The Bar Association has received a copy of the Feasibility Study and will respond in writing with any recommendations.

AGRICULTURE EXTENSION REQUEST FOR VAN

David Nicholson, Finance Officer, reviewed information regarding the cost involved in the County's purchasing a van as opposed to renting a van from WCCA. Grover Westmoreland, Agriculture Extension Director, informed the Board that it would be easier and more convenient for the Agriculture Extension personnel to have its own van rather than renting from WCCA. Chairman Drake stated that under the current arrangement with WCCA in regards to State funds the County will probably be forced to rent a van from WCCA. Grover Westmoreland will contact WCCA for specific information as to scheduling requirements, details regarding continuing a contract with WCCA, and report back to the Board at their next meeting. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

REQUEST FOR D.A.R.E. OFFICERS

Steve Norwood, of the County School System, reported to the Board that no funds are available in the school budget to fund the two D.A.R.E. Officers. Discussion was held as to what agency would supervise the officers, where the funding would be secured, the possibility of a contract between the Sheriff's Department and the Board of Education

for services, and what conditions would be in such a contract. It was the consensus that the best approach would be for the Sheriff's Department representatives, Sergeant John Delk and Sheriff Jackson, to work with the Board of Education to determine who the officers would be responsible to while on school property, what would be the conditions of a contract between the Sheriff's Department and the Board of Education, and procedure when a deputy/teacher is called away from the classroom to respond to an emergency. This information will be considered by the Board of Commissioners at future meetings, and funds could be designated during the regular budget process for the 1989-90 Budget, and officers could possibly begin teaching the D.A.R.E. Program during th Fall of 1989.

NOMINATIONS

Chairman Drake stated there is one position left on the Crimestoppers Committee and nominated Larry Freeman for this position. Richard Baker made a motion to suspend the rules and that Larry Freeman be appointed to the Crimestoppers Committee for a two-year term, and all voted in favor.

Chairman Drake stated that there is one vacancy on the Council on the Status of Women. Richard Baker nominated Pat Ritchie for this vacancy, and Troy Maybin nominated Patti Leonard. A vote will be held at the next County Commissioners Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

CITY SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Hendersonville City Schools have requested \$700,000 to \$750,000 from the County Budget to renovate Hendersonville High School. David Nicholson, Finance Officer, explained that the funds for education are available from sales tax revenue, designated specifically for education. City Schools Superintendent, Charles Byrd, and Jon Laughter, City School Board Member, addressed the Board of Commissioners outlining the need for renovation at Hendersonville High School. The Board realized the need for improvements to the High School, but before authorizing the expenditure of these funds, the Board felt it necessary to have more information. After discussion, the Board requested information from the Board of Education and the City School System as to the length of time Hendersonville High School is projected to be in use, a statement of long-range plans for the education system, current status of consolidation plans, the projected student demand in the County and City, and projected future location of schools in the County and City. This information will be brought to the next County Commissioners Meeting for further discussion.

HENDERSONVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION INVITATION

Chairman Drake informed the Board that the Hendersonville City Board of Education has extended a luncheon invitation to the Board for January 18, 1989, which is the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Richard Baker made a motion that the invitation be accepted, and all voted in favor.

ROAD PETITION TO ADD TO NORTH CAROLINA SECONDARY ROAD SYSTEM RED BIRD LANE

Chairman Drake informed the Board of Commissioners that a road petition has been received from Jon Laughter for Red Bird Lane to be added to the North Carolina Secondary Road System. Troy Maybin made a motion that the road petition be accepted and forwarded to the Department of Transportation for consideration, and all voted in favor.

TAX RELEASE FOR VALLEY HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chairman Drake informed the Board that Valley Hill Fire Department bought property in January 1988 from Erlene Anders. The taxes were paid up to January 22, 1988. Valley Hill Fire Department has requested that taxes be released from that date. Richard Baker made the motion that the Board release the taxes as requested, and all voted in favor.

NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES

Mr. Clyde Groover has resigned from the Land-of-Sky Regional Council Advisory Council on Aging. Avis Maxwell has resigned from the Nursing Home/Domiciliary Home Advisory Committee. Preston Guice's term will expire on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

TAX DEED FOR LEON CHAPMAN

Chairman Drake stated to the Board that a Resolution had been prepared in regards to taxes owed by Leon Chapman, who has submitted payment for back taxes and a request for a Tax Deed. Troy Maybin made the motion that the Resolution be accepted, and all voted in favor.

The Board recessed to go into a Cane Creek Water and Sewer District Meeting.

The Board returned to its regular meeting, and Richard Baker made the motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss contractual, legal, and personnel issues, and all voted in favor.

Richard Baker made a motion to return to regular session, and all voted in favor.


Chairman Drake stated a request has been made by the General Contractor for the County Office Building Addition to decrease the percent of retainage from 10 percent to 5 percent since 50 percent of the project has been completed. The dollar amount remains the same; only the retainage percent is changed. Hugh Randall made a motion that the retainage fee be decreased to 5 percent in accord with the Architect's recommendation, and all voted in favor.

Janitorial Service proposals were presented and reviewed for the 1989 Year. Troy Maybin made a motion that the Janitorial Contracts be awarded as presented for a one-year period, and all voted in favor.

Richard Baker made the motion that Jerry D. Myers, County Administrator, be appointed Acting Clerk to the Board, and all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


 JERRY D. MYERS
 ACTING CLERK TO THE BOARD


 WILLIAM T. DRAKE
 CHAIRMAN