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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for an Emergency Special Called Meeting at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Historic Courthouse on Main Street, Hendersonville.

Present were: Chairman William Lapsley, Vice-Chair Rebecca McCall, Commissioner Mike Edney, Commissioner Daniel Andreotta, Commissioner David Hill, County Manager Steve Wyatt, Assistant County Manager Amy Brantley, Attorney Russ Burrell, and Clerk to the Board Denisa Lauffer.

Staff present: Finance Director Samantha Reynolds, Director of Business and Community Development John Mitchell, Engineer Marcus Jones, Budget Analyst Sonya Flynn, PIO Kathy Finotti – videotaping.

Chairman Lapsley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. Bill Ramsey spoke in opposition to censorship by YouTube.
- 2. Meg Brinley spoke in opposition to censorship by YouTube.
- 3. Rick Hernacy spoke in opposition to censorship by YouTube
- 4. Helen Stewart spoke in opposition to censorship by YouTube

Chairman Lapsley explained the reason for the Emergency Special Called Meeting was Freedom of Speech and video removal by YouTube.

The video recording of the regularly scheduled meeting for Wednesday, June 16, 2021 was uploaded on the streaming platform YouTube on Thursday June 17, 2021 only to be removed by YouTube a few hours later.

Motion:

Vice-Chair Rebecca McCall made the motion to direct staff to take immediate action to find an alternative source, at least a short-term contract, to share Hendeson County content. The next meeting will be streamed using an alternative source. Staff will present options for a long-term contract at a future meeting. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Chairman Lapsley made the motion to adjourn at 2:41 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried

Attest:

Denisa A. Lauffer, Clerk to the Board

William Lapsley, Chairman,

APPROVED: 7/21/2021

2:00 p.m. Emergency Special Called Meeting

Sign-up Sheet

Emergency Special Called Meeting as allowed pursuant to NCGS143-318.12(b)(3): The apparent censorship of the Henderson County Board of Commissioners Jun 16, 2021 Meeting, the seeming deprivation of the citizens right to question their government, and suppression of free speech by YouTube.

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William G. Lapsley Chairman Rebecca K. McCall Vice-Chairman



J. Michael Edney Daniel J. Andreotta David H. Hill

NOTICE

EMERGENCY SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

DATE: Friday, June 18, 2021

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE:

Historic Courthouse on Main Street 1 Historic Courthouse Square, Hendersonville, NC

To hold an emergency special called meeting as allowed pursuant to NCGS 143-318.12(b)(3):

SUBJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED:

The apparent censorship of the Henderson County Board of Commissioners June 16, 2021 Meeting, the seeming deprivation of the citizens right to question their government, and suppression of free speech by YouTube.

William Lapsley, Chairman

* Action may be taken with respect to any of the items to be discussed at this meeting.