

MINUTES

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a regularly scheduled meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Historic Courthouse on Main Street, Hendersonville.

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

Also present were: Director of Business and Community Development Christopher Todd, Finance Director Samantha Reynolds, Budget Manager/Internal Auditor Sonya Flynn, Engineer Marcus Jones, Tax Director Darlene Burgess, Sheriff Lowell Griffin, Planning Director Autumn Radcliff, Emergency Management/Rescue Coordinator Jimmy Brissie, Budget Analyst Jennifer Miranda, Assistant Engineer Deb Johnston, and PIO Kathy Finotti – videotaping, Deputies Robert Mertz and Michelle Hensley provided security.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

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

INVOCATION

Commissioner Andreotta provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Emma Barber, Leaders in Training 4-H Club.

RESOLUTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of Dr. Laura Leatherwood, Community College president of the year.

Chairman Lapsley read the recognition of Dr. Leatherwood aloud.

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners was requested to recognize Dr. Laura Leatherwood upon being named 2022 President of the Year by the State Board of Community Colleges for North Carolina. The award, established in 2001, recognizes outstanding leadership and commitment to the community college mission from the presidents of the 58 institutions of the North Carolina Community College System.

In her nearly five years at Blue Ridge Community College, Dr. Leatherwood has forged strong partnerships within the community to assist with integrating the education and workforce sectors in Henderson and Transylvania counties. With Dr. Leatherwood diligently working to bring new technology, buildings, and associate degrees to Blue Ridge, the college has increased its enrollment each year during her tenure. Blue Ridge Community College experienced the highest student count in its history in fall 2021.

Congratulations to Dr. Laura Leatherwood, but the real winners are the current and prospective students of Blue Ridge Community College, the businesses in Henderson and Transylvania counties, and the citizens of our communities.

INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Pat Malinak commented on the allocation of American Rescue Plan Funds and the importance of transparency with the citizens of Henderson County.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Chairman Lapsley made the motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA consisted of the following:

Minutes

Draft minutes were presented for board review and approval of the following meeting(s):
January 19, 2022 - Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Motion:

I move the Board approve the minutes of January 19, 2022.

2022.12 Pending Releases and Refunds

The attached pending releases and refunds were reviewed by the Assessor. As a result of that review, it was the Assessor’s opinion that these findings are in order. Supporting documentation is on file in the County Assessor’s Office.

Type:	Amount:
Total Taxes Released from the Charge	\$ 2,513.24
Total Refunds as a Result of the Above Releases	\$ 1,626.99

Motion:

I move the Board approve the combined release/refund report as presented.

County Financial Report/Cash Balance Report – December 2021

The December 2021 County Financial and Cash Balance Reports were presented for the Board’s review and approval.

The following are explanations for departments/programs with a higher budget to actual percentages for December:

- Administrative Services – timing of approved employee payroll
- Emergency Management –timing of Board approved purchases
- Wellness – timing of payment for board approved contracted services and medical supplies and equipment
- Site Development – timing of Board approved purchases
- Agri-business – excess operating expenditures to be covered by membership fees
- Juvenile Justice – timing of provider appropriations
- Public Education – payment of 6th of 10 annual appropriations made to the public school system
- Non-Departmental – Occupancy tax transmittal trending above budgeted amounts
Year to Date Net Revenues under Expenditures for the Justice Academy Sewer Fund is due to the timing of budgeted minor equipment for the sewer fund.

Approved:

Henderson County Public Schools Financial Reports – December 2021

The Henderson County Public Schools December 2021 Local Current Expense Fund / Other Restricted Funds Report was provided for the Board’s information.

Notification of Vacancies

The Notification of Vacancies was provided for the Board’s information. They will appear on the next agenda under “Nominations.”

- 1. Agriculture Advisory Board – 1 vac.**
Position #1 (Active Farmer)
- 2. Animal Services Committee – 2 vac.**
Position #2 (At Large Position)
Position #5 (At Large Position)
- 3. Henderson County Board of Equalization and Review – 4 vac.**
Position #3 (Reside in Henderson County)
Position #4 (Reside in Henderson County)
Position #5 (Reside in Henderson County)
Position #8 (Reside in Henderson County)
- 4. Henderson County Substance Abuse Task Force – 16 vac.**
Position #1 (Sheriff Personnel)
Position #2 (DSS Director)
Position #3 (Physician)
Position #4 (Health Director)
Position #5 (Hospital Administration)
Position #6 (Hospital Administration)
Position #7 (Substance Abuse Professional)
Position #8 (At Large)
Position #9 (At Large)
Position #10 (Commissioner Representative)
Position #11 (Commissioner Representative)
Position #12 (Substance Abuse Professional)
Position #13 (Substance Abuse Professional)
Position #14 (Medical Facility Personnel)
Position #15 (Medical Facility Personnel)
Position #16 (Medical Facility Personnel)
- 5. Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee – 2 vac.**
Position #3 (At Large Position)
Position #4 (At Large Position)
- 6. Recreation Advisory Board – 3 vac.**
Position #1 (At Large Position)
Position #6 (At Large Position)
Position #7 (At Large Position)

Substance Abuse Task Force Reappointments

The Board is requested to approve the following appointments to the Substance Abuse TaskForce.

Position #1 Lowell Griffin
Position #3 Dr. William Medina
Position #5 Dr. Greg McCarty

Position #2 Jerrie McFalls
Position #4 Steve Smith
Position #6 Dimitvova Gervana

Approved:

Position #7 Craig Halford
Position #9 Jason Harris
Position#11 William Lapsley
Position#13 Julie Honeycutt
Position#15 Linda Davidson

Position #8 Stephen Mace
Position#10 J. Michael Edney
Position#12 Judy Long
Position#14 Elizabeth Fleming
Position#16 Angela Garner

Motion:

I move the Henderson County Board of Commissioners suspend the rules and appoint the above-named members to the Substance Abuse Task Force as presented.

Fundraiser for Camp G.L.O.W.

The Board received a request from Camp G.L.O.W. regarding the use of a ball field rental on Saturday, June 11, 2022, for a tournament. The Board was requested to waive the rental fee for the field and allow for food sales as a fundraiser for Camp G.L.O.W.

Motion:

I move that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners approve the fee waiver and the allowance for food sales during the tournament on June 11, 2022.

2022.13 Reimbursement Resolution - Courthouse portion of Henderson County Judicial Center

The proposed reimbursement resolution from bond counsel was presented for consideration. The purpose of a reimbursement resolution is to allow construction project and planning costs incurred prior to the closing of the (tax-free) financing to be reimbursed from the financing proceeds.

NOTE: The “not to exceed” figures in the resolution are *not* intended to accurately state the project costs but rather to act as a safe harbor number for the purpose of these resolutions only.

Motion:

I move that the Board approve the reimbursement resolution attached to this agenda item for the Courthouse portion of Henderson County Judicial Center.

2022.14 Reimbursement Resolution - Detention Center portion of Henderson County Judicial Center

The proposed reimbursement resolution from bond counsel was presented for consideration. The purpose of a reimbursement resolution is to allow construction project and planning costs incurred prior to the closing of the (tax-free) financing to be reimbursed from the financing proceeds.

NOTE: The “not to exceed” figures in the resolution are *not* intended to accurately state the project costs but rather to act as a safe harbor number for the purpose of these resolutions only.

Motion:

I move that the Board approve the reimbursement resolution attached to this agenda item for the Detention Center portion of Henderson County Judicial Center.

2022.15 Reimbursement Resolution - VFW Building Project

The proposed reimbursement resolution from bond counsel was presented for consideration. The purpose of a reimbursement resolution is to allow construction project and planning costs incurred prior to the closing of the (tax-free) financing to be reimbursed from the financing proceeds.

Approved:

NOTE: The “not to exceed” figures in the resolution are *not* intended to accurately state the project costs but rather to act as a safe harbor number for the purpose of these resolutions only.

Motion:

I move that the Board approve the reimbursement resolution attached to this agenda item for the VFW Building Project.

Temporary Project Position – Human Resources

The Board was requested to approve the addition of a temporary project position in the Human Resources Department, effective February 14, 2022, through not later than May 6, 2022. The addition of the position will allow the Department to hire the replacement for a position that will be retiring in May 2022 and provide a training period for the new employee. The project position will be temporary and eliminated upon the current employee’s retirement.

Motion:

I move the Board approve the temporary project position, effective February 14, 2022, through the current employee’s retirement date, but no later than May 6, 2022.

Temporary Project Position – Social Services

The Board was requested to approve the addition of a temporary project position in the Department of Social Services, effective February 14, 2022, through no later than May 31, 2022. The addition of the position will allow the Department to hire the replacement for a position that will be retiring in June 2022 and provide a training period for the new employee. The project position will be temporary and eliminated upon the current employee’s retirement.

Motion:

I move the Board approve the temporary project position, effective February 14, 2022, through the current employee’s retirement date, but no later than May 31, 2022.

Home & Community Care Block Grant Funds

In mid-January, the Home & Community Care Block Grant Committee was notified by Land of Sky that the biennial state budget had been increased this year. As a result, our region received additional block grant funds for the current fiscal year (FY22). For Henderson County, this means there is additional funding available to be allocated in the amount of \$54,552.

On January 20, 2022, area providers were notified of the additional funds and invited to apply for needed funding if it could be utilized by the end of the fiscal year. The HCCBG Committee held a special called meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, to discuss submitted requests. The Committee would like to recommend that the following providers receive additional funding for FY22 as follows:

Pisgah Legal Services	-	\$15,000
Council on Aging	-	\$33,152
Mountain Care, Inc. -		<u>\$ 6,400</u>
		\$54,552

In addition, Mountain Care, Inc. has requested permission to move \$6,000 formally designated for Transportation in their budget to Adult Day Care in order to cover additional participants and utilize the funds where they are most needed.

Approved:

Motion:

I move the Board approve the allocation of \$15,000 to Pisgah Legal Services, \$33,152 to Council on Aging, and \$6,400 to Mountain Care, Inc. and to allow Mountain Care, Inc. to revise their original budget to reflect an increased demand for Adult Day Care services.

Requests for Qualifications

At the Board's January 17, 2022, Budget Retreat, the Board was presented with information on a number of potential capital projects. The information concerning the scope of work for each project will be incorporated into Requests for Qualifications. All projects will be brought back to the Board for final selection of the firms to conduct the services requested.

2022.16 Set Public Hearing for Rezoning Application #R-2021-03 Laughter, Industrial (I) to Residential District One (R1)

Rezoning Application #R-2021-03, initiated on December 6, 2021, requests that the County rezone approximately 5.21 acres of a 21.83 acre parcel from Industrial (I) to Residential District One (R1) zoning district. The subject parcel (PIN: 9651-79-4087) is located west and adjacent to Twin Springs Road (SR 1353), specifically 161 Twin Springs Road.

The Technical Review Committee reviewed the application at its January 4, 2022, meeting, and saw no administrative issues with the request, and voted unanimously to forward the application to the Planning Board.

The Planning Board reviewed this request at its January 20th meeting and voted 6-2 to send forth a favorable recommendation for approval.

Motion:

I move that a public hearing for rezoning application #R-2021-03 be set for Monday, March 7, 2022, at 5:30 PM.

2022.17 Town of Fletcher Revised Resolutions - Erosion Control and Stormwater

On January 11, 2022, the Town of Fletcher Planning Director requested amendments to the Resolutions for County Administration and Enforcement of Soil Erosion and Stormwater. The amendments are highlighted in dark orange font. The Resolutions are required to have certain language to meet Fletcher's Stormwater Phase 2 MS4 permit. (Resolution attached to these minutes).

The revised Resolutions effectively put into writing the practices that both Fletcher and Henderson County are already following.

Motion:

I move the Henderson County Board of Commissioners adopt the amended Resolutions as presented.

Used 4-Wheel Drive Ambulance Purchase

Each year during the budget process, Henderson County budgets the purchase of three replacement ambulances for the County fleet. For FY23, the anticipated cost of an ambulance (with stretcher, if needed) is \$193,000. Typically, these are 2WD ambulances for everyday use. Recent events have further established the need to increase the fleet of 4WD ambulances for the County. Currently, HCEMS operates two 4WD ambulances, which are supplemented by three 4WD Ambulances from the Rescue Squad. The

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Henderson County EMS system operates ten ambulances daily from EMS and the Rescue Squad. A new 4WD ambulance (with stretcher) would cost \$255,713.

In June 2021, the Skyland Fire & Rescue placed a new 4WD Ambulance into service. After several months of operation, the Fire Department Board of Directors voted to stop operating an ambulance service. As a result, they are receiving bids on the surplus ambulance. The truck has 6,000 miles and is covered by the manufacturer's warranty.

Staff have evaluated the ambulance and are confident it would make a good addition to our fleet. Truck manufacturers continue to anticipate delays in 4WD chassis deliveries for the next 18 – 24 months, creating challenges for timely delivery of new truck order. Staff recommended the Board approve the purchase of the F-550 Wheeled Coach 4WD Ambulance from Skyland Fire & Rescue. If approved, EMS would request the additional replacement of two ambulances in FY23 instead of three.

Motion:

I move the Board authorize the negotiation for the purchase of an F-550 4WD Wheeled Coach Ambulance from Skyland Fire and Rescue. With final approval by the Board of Commissioners at a future meeting.

2022.17 Resolution of Appreciation – Larry Rogers

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt the attached Resolution of Appreciation for Larry Rogers. Larry is retiring as Chairman of the Partners for Economic Progress, a professional membership association in Hendersonville. Larry has been a regular presence at the Henderson County Board of Commissioner's meetings, as well as other boards and committees of the county since the year 2000.

Resolution of Appreciation

- WHEREAS,** Larry L. Rogers, a graduate of Furman University and NC State University, a United States Army Veteran, a businessman and citizen of Henderson County, has retired; and
- WHEREAS,** upon his retirement as Chairman of the Partners for Economic Progress (PEP), the Henderson County Board of Commissioners wish to recognize and commend Larry Rogers on his years of excellent service to his community; and
- WHEREAS,** Larry Rogers was instrumental in building PEP's membership to include approximately 70 business and property owners in Henderson County; and
- WHEREAS,** Larry Rogers served the business community and the citizens of Henderson County for 21 years by attending countless city and county government meetings; and
- WHEREAS,** he worked tirelessly lobbying the local governments to become and remain business-friendly; and
- WHEREAS,** he proved himself to be a valuable asset and liaison between the local governments, PEP's Board of Directors and the local business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners express their deep admiration for the experience, wisdom, and dedication Larry L. Rogers brought to Henderson County. On behalf of the citizens and staff of Henderson County, we appreciate and commend you on a job well done, Larry Rogers.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Henderson to be affixed.

Adopted this on the 7th day of February 2022.

Approved:

Motion:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Resolution of Appreciation for Larry Rogers, Chairman, Partners for Economic Progress.

Vaya Health – Quarterly Fiscal Monitoring Report (FMR) for the quarter ended December 31, 2021
N.C.G.S. 122C-117(c) requires the staff of the local area mental health authority to provide the County Finance Officer with the quarterly Fiscal Monitoring Report (FMR) within 30 days of the end of the quarter. The County Finance Officer is then required to provide the FMR to the Board of Commissioners at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board. The attached FMR for Vaya Health was received by the County Finance Officer on January 31, 2022.

Motion:

I move that the Board of Commissioners approve the Vaya Health Fiscal Monitoring Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2021.

Reallocation of Asset Forfeiture Funds

The Sheriff's Office requested the Board give approval for the Sheriff to reallocate a portion of unused asset forfeiture funds to upgrade equipment in the training and conference rooms. At the Board's October 4, 2021 meeting, the Board authorized the use of up to \$71,000 for a number of projects. The Sheriff's Office was able to make all planned purchases and, with some reconfiguration, saved \$22,550. The Sheriff's office requested approval to use \$10,000 of this for the training and conference room upgrades. The current projection equipment and television in the training room are broken, and working through the IT Department, the best options for replacements have been identified. The funding would allow for both the purchase and installation of the equipment. In-Service Training and the Citizens Academy, which begin in February/March, both utilize the equipment in the training room.

Motion:

I move the Board authorize the Sheriff to move forward with the purchase and installation of equipment to upgrade the training and conference rooms.

Acceptance of FY 2023 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Application

Community Action Opportunities (CAO) has requested that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners accept the attached proposal for Review. Pursuant to the North Carolina Administrative Code [10A NCAC 97C.0111 (b)(1)(A)], each CSBG grant recipient must submit its Community Anti-Poverty Plan grant application to each County Commissioner Board that it serves. The proposal is attached to these minutes.

Motion:

I move the Board accept the proposal for review as presented and authorize the Clerk to the Board to execute the documentation necessary to certify the Documentation of Submission to County Commissioners.

Chairman Lapsley made the motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried 5-0.

Vice-Chair McCall commented on the Resolution of Appreciation for Larry Rogers. She stated that Larry Rogers had attended countless Henderson County government meetings, and the Board wanted to adopt this Resolution to recognize him and express their gratitude for the contributions he has made to this county for the past many years.

Approved:

DISCUSSION

2022.18 Tax Collector's Report – Order Advertising Taxes

The February 2022 Tax Collector's report (required by N.C. Gen. Stat. §105-369(a)) was presented for the Board's information. Among the data presented is the amount of delinquencies for the 2021 tax year.

N.C. Gen. Stat. §105-369(a) requires the Board to order each February the publication of the tax lien notification to delinquent taxpayers for the previous tax year.

In February of each year, the tax collector must report to the governing body the total amount of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are liens on real property. A county tax collector's report is due the first Monday in February, and a municipal tax collector's report is due the second Monday in February. Upon receipt of the report, the governing body must order the tax collector to advertise the tax liens.

Chairman Lapsley made the motion that the Board enter the proposed Order directing the Tax Collector to advertise the delinquent real property tax liens for 2021. And further direct the Tax Collector to publish such advertisement pursuant to the General Statutes.

2022.19 American Rescue Plan - Adoption of Policies and Procedures

The Final Rule for the American Rescue Plan was issued on January 6, 2022. That final rule contains a number of regulations that local governments must follow when expending Federal Funds, including a variety of policies and procedures. Staff is in the process of developing those policies and procedures and will bring those to the Board for adoption once finalized.

At this point, three of the required policies have been drafted and reviewed by Finance and the County Attorney. Those three policies are: Allowable Cost/Cost Principles, Nondiscrimination, and Conflict of Interest. The Board was requested to review the policies drafted by Staff and adopt them as presented.

Commissioner Edney made the motion that the Board adopt the Federal Award Policies on Allowable Costs/Cost Principles, Nondiscrimination, and Conflict of Interest as presented as Henderson County's Interim Final Policy. All voted in favor and the motion carried 5-0.

Broadband Infrastructure

On January 31, 2022, the State announced an application window for \$350 million in grants to expand broadband infrastructure in rural areas of the state. The application is for qualified internet service providers and electric membership cooperatives providing internet service.

Chairman Lapsley believes the Board should give some direction to the private sector that may be providing service as to what the focus of their expansion should be. Such as which areas of the county to focus on and priorities based on what the Board hears from the citizens. And to encourage the private sector companies to apply for the available grants. He does not want Henderson County to miss the opportunity to get funding for Broadband expansion when it may be available.

Chairman Lapsley suggested forming a Task Force that would get the parties that have the most interest in seeing the expansion together. Representatives from the school system, community college, the planning department, and others who have a keen interest in this topic to get their input so Henderson County may reap the benefits as possible.

Vice-Chair McCall said the Board does have a good understanding of where the needs are through the school system due to their experience with "virtual learning" when the pandemic began, and school buses

Approved:

had to be sent out in the community to serve as Wi-Fi for those children who could not access the internet otherwise. Her concern is that some private sector companies want to make internet access available in areas that already have broadband and not the remote areas of the county where coverage is unavailable. She would like to introduce installing additional cell towers and working with companies who are willing to install additional towers. She agrees that forming a Task Force would help in supporting that effort.

Commissioner Edney, Hill, and Andreotta echoed the comments of Chairman Lapsley and Vice-Chair McCall and agreed that forming a Task Force is a good idea.

It was the consensus of the Board that Chairman Lapsley put together a list of suggested participants for the proposed Task Force that will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Edney added that Henderson County has a wealth of individuals with experience in technology. Chairman Lapsley encouraged those citizens to contact the County to offer their assistance.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Agriculture Advisory Board – 1 vac.
Vice-Chair McCall nominated Kenneth Allison for reappointment position #1 by acclamation. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
2. EMS Peer Review Committee – 2 vac.
There were no nominations and this item was rolled to the next meeting.
3. Henderson County Board of Equalization and Review – 5 vac.
Commissioner Edney nominated Joseph Sherman for reappointment to position #3, William Fishburne for reappointment to position #5, and Ron Kauffman for reappointment to position # 8 by acclamation. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
4. Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee – 2 vac.
Vice-Chair McCall nominated Joe Sanders for reappointment to position #3 and Beau Waddell for reappointment to position #4 by acclamation. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
5. Hendersonville Planning Board – 1 vac.
There were no nominations and this item was rolled to the next meeting.
6. Hendersonville City Zoning Board of Adjustment – 2 vac.
There were no nominations and this item was rolled to the next meeting.
7. Home and Community care Block Grant Committee – 2 vac.
There were no nominations and this item was rolled to the next meeting.
8. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – 3 vac.
There were no nominations and this item was rolled to the next meeting.
9. Laurel Park Planning Board – 1 vac.
There were no nominations and this item was rolled to the next meeting.
10. Laurel Park Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1 vac.
There were no nominations and this item was rolled to the next meeting.
11. Nursing/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee – 10 vac.
There were no nominations and this item was rolled to the next meeting.
12. Recreation Advisory Board – 3 vac.
Chairman Lapsley nominated Ralph King for reappointment to position #1, Jeff Donaldson for reappointment to position #6, and Corum Smith for reappointment to position # 7 by acclamation. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Approved:

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Vice-Chair McCall shared that she had recently attended the NCACC Board Meeting as the Director of District 16. One of the highlights of that meeting was the guest speaker, the new secretary for Health and Human Services, Kody Kinsley. She was impressed with what he had to say, and said he was open and transparent when answering questions from the audience. She anticipates positive changes with his appointment.

Vice-Chair McCall added at the recent American Rescue Plan (ARP) Committee meeting that the group agreed that Broadband expansion is a priority and that funds to cover the costs may be covered with the other resources provided by the state.

Commissioner Edney informed the Board that longtime Hendersonville attorney, W.Harley Stepp, had recently passed away. He was a mentor and friend of Commissioner Edney and will be greatly missed.

Chairman Lapsley stated that he and County Manager, John Mitchell, attended a Zoom meeting with the Vaya Regional Health Board. He noted that the County had contributed \$528,612 to this Board. Chairman Lapsley was selected as the Chairman of this Board. This Regional Board represents Henderson, Buncombe, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Transylvania, and Yancey Counties. The Chairman expressed that he was honored to serve in this position. The Vice-Chair selected is a commissioner from Mitchell County. Chairman Lapsley said that by serving as Chairman of the Vaya Regional Board, he will also sit on the full board. This will allow him to keep an eye on how the money from Henderson County is spent.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager John Mitchell said the keyword for tonight's meeting was "RFQ." He thanked the Board for their approval of the VFW and 95 Courthouse Reimbursement Resolutions as part of the meeting's consent agenda. Those RFQ's will now be posted, and, as a result, he expects to be back before the Board with qualified candidates. He also acknowledged the hard work of County Engineer Marcus Jones, Business and Community Development Director Chris Todd, and Construction Projects Manager David Berry.

Commissioner Edney made the motion that the Board go into closed session pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a)(4).

1. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body.

Commissioner Edney made to motion to go out of closed session and adjourn at 6:53 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURN

Denisa A. Lauffer, Clerk to the Board

William Lapsley, Chairman

Approved: