REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: December 5, 2022

SUBJECT: Public Hearing for Proposed Right of Way Closure (Portion of Rogers Avenue)

PRESENTER: Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director

Austin Parks, Planner

ATTACHMENTS: (1) Site Map depicting proposed ROW closure

(2) North Carolina General Statute 153A-241(3) Applicants Petition for Road Closure

(4) Place of Decreased DOW Classes

(4) Plat of Proposed ROW Closure

(5) Order of Closure(6) PowerPoint

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Planning and Property Addressing staff have received the attached petition to close a portion of Rogers Avenue right-of-way. Under North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) 153A-241, counties have the power to close any public road or easement not within a city, except public roads or easements for public roads under control of the Department of Transportation. To close any road, the Board must:

- Vote to adopt a resolution declaring its intent to close the public road or easement.
- Call and notice a public hearing on closing the road or easement, with notice "reasonably calculated to give full and fair disclosure of the proposed closing to be published once a week for three successive weeks before the hearing, a copy of the resolution to be sent by registered or certified mail to each owner as shown on the county tax records of property adjoining the public road or easement who did not join in the request to have the road or easement closed, and a notice of the closing and public hearing to be prominently posted in at least two places along the road or easement".
- Hold the public hearing, where the Board must "hear all interested persons who appear with respect to whether the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or to any individual property rights".
- Then, if the Board "is satisfied that closing the public road or easement is not contrary to the public interest and (in the case of a road) that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property, the Board may adopt an order closing the road or easement."
- File a copy of the Board's order with the Register of Deeds.

The Board approved a Resolution of Intent to close the ROW and to hold a public hearing on this ROW closure at its November 7, 2022, meeting.

The current petition to close a portion of Rogers Avenue right-of-way was brought to the Board on October 5, 2015. The Board denied the closure because an adjacent property owner that had access off Rogers Avenue was not in support of the request. The adjacent property has been sold, and the applicant now owns all property with access from Rogers Avenue and has submitted a new request.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

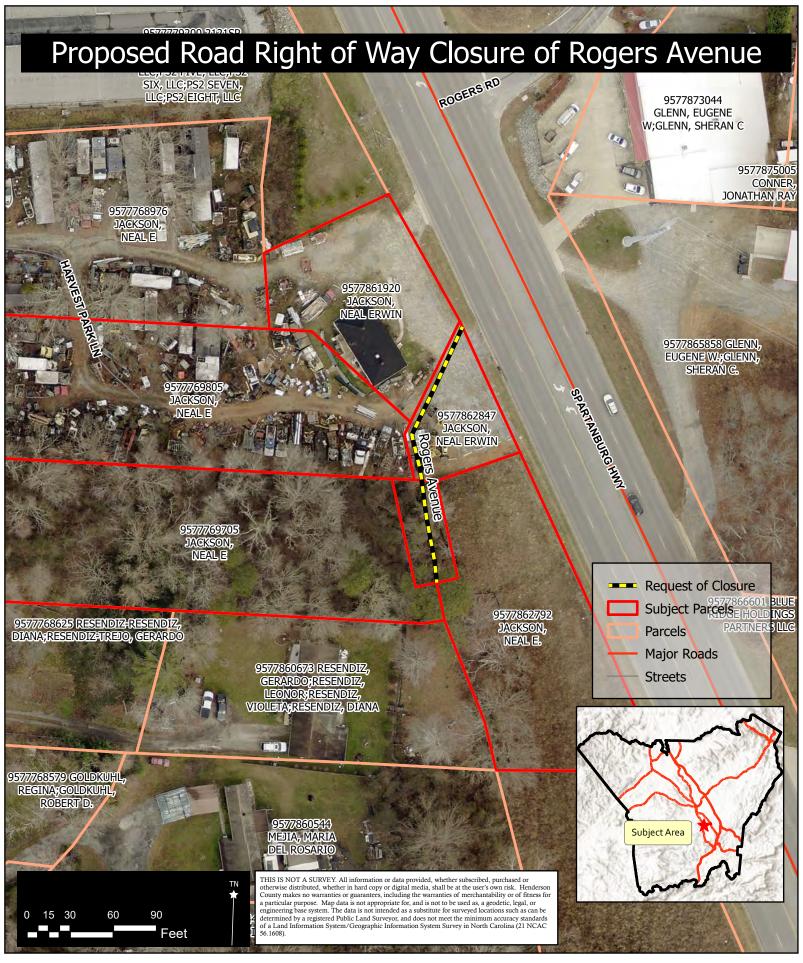
The public hearing notice was advertised in the Hendersonville Lightning on November 16th, 2022, November 23rd, 2022, and November 30th, 2022, and the property was posted on November 15th, 2022. Notices of the hearing were mailed on November 10th, 2022, to the adjacent property owners.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Board of Commissioner action is required to close a right of way.

Suggested Motion:

I move that the Board approve the right of way closure for a portion of Rogers Avenue and sign the Order of Closure.



Applicant: Neal Jackson



§ 153A-241. Closing public roads or easements.

A county may permanently close any public road or any easement within the county and not within a city, except public roads or easements for public roads under the control and supervision of the Department of Transportation. The board of commissioners shall first adopt a resolution declaring its intent to close the public road or easement and calling a public hearing on the question. The board shall cause a notice of the public hearing reasonably calculated to give full and fair disclosure of the proposed closing to be published once a week for three successive weeks before the hearing, a copy of the resolution to be sent by registered or certified mail to each owner as shown on the county tax records of property adjoining the public road or easement who did not join in the request to have the road or easement closed, and a notice of the closing and public hearing to be prominently posted in at least two places along the road or easement. At the hearing the board shall hear all interested persons who appear with respect to whether the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or to any individual property rights. If, after the hearing, the board of commissioners is satisfied that closing the public road or easement is not contrary to the public interest and (in the case of a road) that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property, the board may adopt an order closing the road or easement. A certified copy of the order (or judgment of the court) shall be filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county.

Any person aggrieved by the closing of a public road or an easement may appeal the board of commissioners' order to the appropriate division of the General Court of Justice within 30 days after the day the order is adopted. The court shall hear the matter de novo and has jurisdiction to try the issues arising and to order the road or easement closed upon proper findings of fact by the trier of fact.

No cause of action founded upon the invalidity of a proceeding taken in closing a public road or an easement may be asserted except in an action or proceeding begun within 30 days after the day the order is adopted.

Upon the closing of a public road or an easement pursuant to this section, all right, title, and interest in the right-of-way is vested in those persons owning lots or parcels of land adjacent to the road or easement, and the title of each adjoining landowner, for the width of his abutting land, extends to the center line of the public road or easement. However, the right, title or interest vested in an adjoining landowner by this paragraph remains subject to any public utility use or facility located on, over, or under the road or easement immediately before its closing, until the landowner or any successor thereto pays to the utility involved the reasonable cost of removing and relocating the facility. (1949, c. 1208, ss. 1-3; 1957, c. 65, s. 11; 1965, cc. 665, 801; 1971, c. 595; 1973, c. 507, s. 5; c. 822, s. 1; 1977, c. 464, s. 34; 1995, c. 374, s. 1.)

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LOCAL ROAD AND EASEMENT ABANDOMENT PETITION FORM

*Requires Pre-Application Meeting
*Requires 100% of property owner signatures

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

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Henderson County North Carolina

Before the Board of Commissioners

ORDER CLOSING A PORTION OF

RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR ROGERS AVENUE

THIS MATTER came before the Henderson County Board of Commissioners at its regular December 5, 2022, meeting, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-241, on the issue of closing a portion of right-of-way for Rogers Avenue and was heard by the Board after public hearing. The Board of Commissioners makes the following findings:

- 1. This matter first came before the Board of Commissioners at the Board's regular meeting on November 7, 2022, on the petition by Neal Jackson to close the remaining portion of Rogers Avenue located in Henderson County.
- 2. At the Board's November 7, 2022, the Board adopted a resolution "declaring its intent to close" the said portion of Rogers Avenue.
- 3. A map showing the area under consideration is shown on the attachment hereto, Exhibit A, (indicated by a broken yellow line).
- 4. A notice of this Board's December 5, 2022, hearing was published once a week for three successive weeks before the hearing in the *Hendersonville Lightning*, a notice of the closing and public hearing was mailed to adjacent property owners as shown on the county tax records, and a notice of the closing and public hearing to be prominently posted in at least two places along the road or easement.
- 5. Before the Board on December 5, 2022, the Board heard "all interested persons who appear with respect to whether the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or to any individual property rights" are required by N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-241.
 - 6. After such hearing, the Board is satisfied and finds:
 - A. That closing the public road or easement is not contrary to the public interest; and.
 - B. That no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property.

WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the remaining portion of Rogers Avenue located in Henderson County as shown on the attached map is hereby closed. It is further ordered that a

certified copy of this Order shall be filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county.

Adopted by the Board by motion duly made this the 5th day of December 2022.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HENDERSON COUNTY

Ву	:
·	William G. Lapsley, Chairman
Attest:	
Denisa Lauffer, Clerk to the Board	



ROW Closure: Portion of Rogers Avenue

Henderson County Board of Commissioners
Public Hearing
December 5th, 2022

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Application Summary

- Request submitted to close a portion of ROW on Rogers Avenue in Henderson County
- Petitioner are Neal Jackson, on behalf of Neal Jackson
- On November 7th, BOC approved resolution of intention to close ROW and set a public hearing
- Public notice of the hearing was given
 - Notice in the Hendersonville Lightning on November 16th, November 23rd, and November 30th
 - Notice to adjacent property owners was mailed on November 10th
 - Notice posted on property on November 15th

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Aerial Map





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Application History

- July 6, 2009 ~ Board closed portion of Rogers Avenue
- October 5, 2015~ Board denies closure of remaining portion of Rogers Avenue
 - Adjacent property owner with access to Rogers Avenue was not in support of the closure in 2015
 - The adjacent property has been sold and the current applicant and owner has resubmitted the request to close the remaining portion of Rogers Avenue
 - All adjacent property owners are in favor of the current request



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Photos of the Portion of Furniture Drive





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Public Hearing Comments and Board Discussion

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