#### REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**MEETING DATE:** December 5, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Continued Public Hearing for Proposed Right of Way Closure (Portion of

Furniture Drive)

**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) Order of Closure

(5) PowerPoint

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Planning and Property Addressing staff received the attached petition to close a portion of Furniture Drive 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.

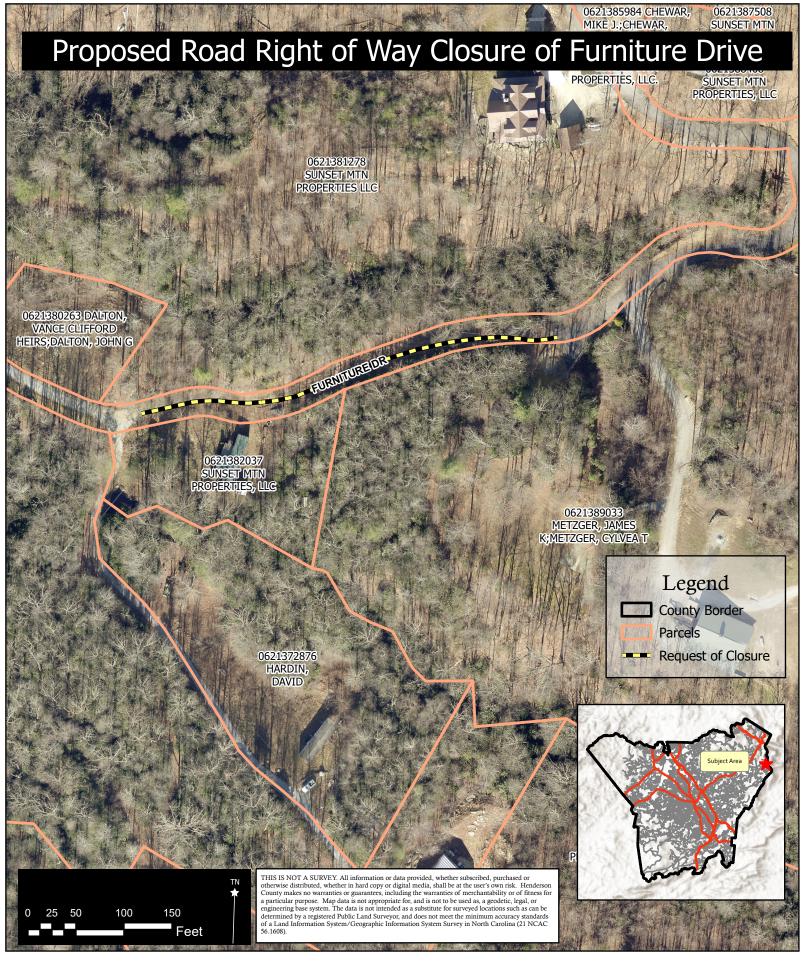
The Board approved a Resolution of Intent to close the ROW and to hold a public hearing on this ROW closure at its October 19, 2022, meeting. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, the Board held a public hearing on the proposed closure. Public notice of the meeting was given as required. After public notice was given, the location and time of the meeting changed. The Board agreed to continue the public hearing on the item until the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

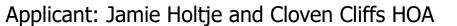
#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

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 Furniture Drive and sign the Order of Closure.







#### § 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: Jamie Holtje Email: jsholtje@gmail.com 34/ Furniture Dr. Henderson Ville Address:

Name of road or easement to be abandoned (If easement is not named, please provide a

Telephone: 262.880-6448

Parcel(s) PIN for identification)

A section of Furniture Dr. From Plum Branch Circle to the Paved culdesac of Furniture Or

#### **PETITION:**

We the under signed, being all of the property owners that have a deeded ROW to road or do hereby request Henderson County Board of Commissioners to approve the closure of the road or easement and certify Order of Closures.

#### PROPERTY OWNERS:

Name	Address	Signature
Cylvea Metzger	242 Furniture Dr " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	Cilvea Metzger
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Cloven Cliff HOA	341 Furniture Dr	Jame & Holtje S
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# Henderson County North Carolina

#### Before the Board of Commissioners

#### ORDER CLOSING A PORTION OF

#### RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR FURNITURE DRIVE

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 Furniture Drive 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 October 19, 2022, on the petition by Jamie and Phil Holtje, on behalf of Sunset Mountain Properties LLC, Cloven Cliffs HOA Board, James K Metzger, and Cylvea T Metzger to close a portion of Furniture Drive located in Henderson County.
- 2. At the Board's meeting on October 19, 2022, the Board adopted a resolution "declaring its intent to close" the said portion of Furniture Drive.
- 3. A map showing the area under consideration is shown on the attachment hereto, Exhibit A, (indicated by a broken yellow line).
- 4. The Board held a public hearing on November 16, 2022. A notice of the Board's November 16, 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. After the hearing was advertised, the location and time of the meeting was changed. The Board continued the public hearing to December 5, 2022.
- 5. Before the Board on November 16, 2022 and 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 a portion of Furniture Drive 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HENDERSON COUNTY

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



## ROW Closure: Portion of Furniture Drive

Henderson County Board of Commissioners

Continued Public Hearing

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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Aerial Map





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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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