REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Roadside Litter

PRESENTER: Chairman McCall

ATTACHMENTS: No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Chairman McCall has requested Board discussion of the ongoing issue with litter along the roads in Henderson County. Information about NCDOT's Litter Management efforts can be found on their website at: https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/environmental/litter-management/pages/default.aspx Some specific information from that page follows.

Litter Management

Litter prevention starts by raising everyone's awareness of North Carolina's litter laws that improperly disposing trash of any kind can be illegal.

Not only is it unsightly, litter costs millions of dollars to clean up and can have a negative impact on tourism and how people perceive the state while they travel through it.

Get Involved

While being aware is the first step in understanding the importance of keeping North Carolina's roadsides clean and aesthetically pleasing, the N.C. Department of Transportation offers opportunities for the public to get involved.

Programs include:

• Adopt-A-Highway
• Litter Sweep
• Sponsor-A-Highway
• Swat-A-Litterbug

Residents can also show their anti-litter support by purchasing a <u>"Do Not Litter" specialty license plate</u>. Plates require a \$20 annual fee in addition to the regular license payment. A portion of the \$20 from each plate sold will be allocated to NCDOT for litter reduction efforts.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No specific Board Action is requested. The Board is requested to discuss the item presented and direct Staff accordingly.

Suggested Motion(s):

No motion suggested.