The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Historic Courthouse on Main Street, Hendersonville.

Those present were Chairman Rebecca McCall, Vice-Chair J. Michael Edney, Commissioner William Lapsley, Commissioner Daniel Andreotta, Commissioner David Hill, County Manager John Mitchell, Assistant County Manager Amy Brantley, and Attorney Russ Burrell.

Also present were: Director of Business and Community Development Christopher Todd, Finance Director Samantha Reynolds, Budget Manager/Internal Auditor Sonya Flynn, Budget Analyst Jennifer Miranda, Chief Communications Officer Mike Morgan, Planning Director Autumn Radcliff, Senior Planner Janna Bianculli, Sheriff Lowell Griffin, Chief Deputy Vanesa Gilbert, Capital Projects Manager Bryan Rhodes, Facility Services Director Andrew Griffin, Human Resources Director Karen Ensley, Emergency Management/Rescue Coordinator Jimmy Brissie, Assistant County Engineer Deb Johnston, PIO Kathy Finotti – videotaping and Deputy Chris Stepp provided security.

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**
Chairman McCall called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**INVOCATION**
Chairman McCall provided the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Chairman McCall led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**RESOLUTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**2023.60 Proclamation - National Public Health Week**
The Henderson County Board of Health discussed this annual recognition event at their April 11, 2023, meeting. Board members agreed to advance a proclamation to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners for their consideration. National Public Health Week provides the opportunity to recognize the many organizations and groups that contribute to improved health outcomes in Henderson County, including the Henderson County Department of Public Health.

Henderson County is currently ranked 12th in health outcomes among the 100 counties in North Carolina, and it has the highest health ranking of any county in Western North Carolina.
National Public Health Week in Henderson County

WHEREAS, the week of April 3 - 9, 2023, is National Public Health Week; and

WHEREAS, the goal of National Public Health Week in 2023 is to recognize the contributions of public health in improving the health of the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, many of the leading causes of death for individuals in the United States result from chronic conditions, which are among the most common, costly, and preventable of all health challenges; and

WHEREAS, there were an estimated 101,758 drug overdose deaths in the United States during the 12-month period ending in October 2022; and

WHEREAS, studies show that strategic investments in disease prevention can result in significant savings in healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, vaccination is one of the most significant public health achievements in history and has resulted in substantial decreases in the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths associated with vaccine-preventable diseases, and health care costs associated with vaccine-preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, mitigate, and recover from the impact of health threats, including disease outbreaks; and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals collaborate with partners outside of the health sector, including sectors that design our built environments, educational systems, and private sector businesses, recognizing that other sectors influence health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, in communities across the United States, individuals are changing the way they care for their health by avoiding tobacco use, eating healthier, increasing physical activity, and preventing unintentional injuries at home and in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, efforts to adequately support public health and the prevention of disease and injury can promote a health system focused on treating illness to a health system focused on promoting wellness; and

WHEREAS, Henderson County is currently ranked 12th in health outcomes among the 100 counties in North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize National Public Health Week in Henderson County, and applaud the efforts of public health professionals, community organizations, and individuals in Henderson County working to prevent disease and improve health outcomes.

Adopted this day the 19th of April 2023.

Commissioner Lapsley made the motion that the Board adopt the Proclamation to recognize National Public Health Week in Henderson County. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
Service Badge and Sidearm Requests

Service Badge and Sidearm Requests for the following were included on the published agenda: Major Chris Denny, Master Deputy Michael Marsteller, Corporal Allan Corthell, Sergeant Paul Blackwell and Senior Deputy Edwin Scott Estremera. Per a request from the Sheriff, it was the consensus of the Board to move those to a future meeting.

INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Chris Walters – Spoke about the recent Charters of Freedom presentation and the amendments that had been added since the adoption of the Constitution.

2. Dean Boyles – Spoke to the 2023 Reappraisal, and recent economic change. He suggested the reappraisal be put off for another year.

3. Chuck McGrady – Spoke in favor of the negotiation of consolidated water and sewer services, in opposition to the changes made by the Board to the 2045 Comp Plan, and asked that the Board consider starting over and re-writing the draft 2045 Plan Comprehensive Plan to align with the comments received from citizen input.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Commissioner Hill requested the addition of Discussion Item B - “Set Public Hearing for Moratorium”.

Chairman McCall made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of Discussion Item B. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

The CONSENT AGENDA consisted of the following:

Minutes

Draft minutes were presented for Board review and approval of the following meeting(s):
April 3, 2023 - Regularly Scheduled Meeting
   Motion:
       I move the Board approve the minutes of April 3, 2023.

Tax Collector’s Report

The report from the office of the Tax Collector was provided for the Board’s information.
The Henderson County Financial Report/Cash Balance Report for February 2023 was provided for the Board’s approval.

The following are explanations for departments/programs with a higher budget to actual percentages for the month of February:

- Dues/Non-Profit Contributions – payment of 3rd quarter Board appropriations
- Rescue Squad – payment of 3rd quarter Board appropriation
- Site Development – the timing of board approved purchases
- Agri-Business – excess operating expenditures, to be covered by membership fees
- Mental Health – payment of 3rd quarter Board appropriation
- Juvenile Justice Programs – receipt and disbursement of additional program funding
- Public Education – Payment of 8 of 10 annual appropriations made to the public school system

Year to Date Net Revenues under Expenditures for the Emergency Telephone System (911) Fund is due the utilizing fund balance appropriations for FY23.

Year to Date Net Revenues under Expenditures for the Misc. Other Governmental Activities Fund is due to the expenditure of program funds held in fund balance received during the previous fiscal year.
Year to Date Net Revenues under Expenditures for the ARPA Fund is due to Board approved expenditures from restricted fund balance for ARPA funds received in a previous fiscal year.
### Appropriations Detail

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### Special Revenue Funds

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Motion:

I move that the Board approve the February 2023 County Financial Report and Cash Balance Report as presented.
Henderson County Public Schools Financial Reports – February 2023

The Henderson County Public Schools February 2023 Local Current Expense Fund / Other Restricted Funds Report was provided for the Board’s information.

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Motion:

*I move that the Board approve the Henderson County Public Schools February 2023 Financial Reports as presented.*

Construction Manager at Risk – Upward Elementary Renovation and Addition Project

The Board was requested to approve the RFQ selection of Vannoy Construction, and authorize staff to proceed with the negotiations, of CMR services.

The Statements of Qualifications received were from Vannoy Construction and Frank L. Blum Construction.
Motion:
I move the Board approve the selection of Vannoy Construction, as the Construction Manager at Risk, for the Henderson County Public Schools, Upward Elementary Renovation and Addition Project, and direct Staff to negotiate an agreement.

2023.61 Recovery Court Coordinator Position

The Board was requested to approve the addition of a Recovery Court Coordinator Position in the County’s Public Health Department, effective April 23, 2023. The addition of the position will be funded by Opioid Settlement Funds received in accordance with the State-Subdivision Agreement under the National Opioid Settlement Agreement.

Staff also requested the Board approve a Budget Amendment for the creation of this position, with funds transferred from appropriated fund balance from the Opioid Fund as expended by Henderson County.

Motion:
I move the Board approve the requested position and Budget Amendment as presented.

Chairman McCall made the motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION

Construction Projects Update

Andrew Griffin and Bryan Rhodes provided the Board with an update on construction projects around Henderson County. This monthly report was a review of the scope and statuses of assigned construction management responsibilities and includes specific updates regarding County funded construction activities.
HC Capital Projects
AAC Gym – Air Conditioning

Historic Courthouse Window Painting and Repair

Jackson Park Storage Shed Location Cleared – Location is next to fields 8 and 9.

VFW Renovation Project
Mr. Rhodes shared that Staff continues to work with MPS and FL Blum Construction through the Construction Document (CD’s) phase of the project. It is expected that the 100% drawings will be
delivered on May 1, 2023. At that point, FL Blum will then bid the trades, and Staff will work toward GMP/Contract.

**BRCC MRTS Projects**

**Patton Building Parking Lot**

![Parking Lot Images]

**HCPS MRTS Projects**

**West Henderson High School Renovation and Addition**

LS3P has delivered a 100% SD set of drawings and is set to deliver a 100% DD set on May 21, 2023. Carolina Specialties was awarded the CMR for the project, and staff is finalizing the Pre-Construction Contract. Once this is complete, staff will begin the first pricing exercise.

![Construction Site Images]

**Upward Elementary Cafeteria Renovation and Secure Entry**

Clark Nexsen Architecture continues to work on the Upward Elementary design. RFQ proposals were accepted and reviewed by the selection committee. The selection committee’s recommendation was presented and approved earlier in the meeting as part of the consent agenda.
Jackson Park Playground

Chairman McCall noted that FAA students from North, West and East Henderson High Schools had been on site and done the plantings for the playground. A ribbon cutting for the playground is scheduled for May 13, 2023 at 10:00am.

Chris Todd also noted that with regards to Broadband, the State had stated that by the beginning of April they would have the full draft contract to the County that meets the language requirements for the federal government. That contract has yet to arrive, but Staff is continuing to work with Optimum to begin work as soon as the contract is available. Staff is also working through the process to determine the exact grant amount, for which the County has allocated up to $1,000,000 in ARP funding for the local match.

Bryan Rhodes noted that in the past few months, Project Management and Finance had reconciled the final expenditures for two major projects. Hendersonville High School had come in $225,283.59 under budget, and the BRCC Patton Project had come in $404,764.44 under budget.

Set Public Hearing for Moratorium

Commissioner Hill made the motion that the Board set a public hearing on the issue of a moratorium on cryptocurrency mining land uses within the County for May 1, 2023 at 5:30 pm and direct Staff to publish notice of such hearing in a newspaper other than the Hendersonville Lightning. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

County Comprehensive Plan Update

The Board was requested to continue their discussion of the plan goals in the draft 2045 Comprehensive Plan.
Section 3.3 was discussed, and the following revisions are in red.

**Rec 3.3:** Decrease the potential exposure to hazards by managing future development

**A:** Within new subdivisions consider the reservation of open space and conservation areas in
and around areas with a high potential for landslides.

- Maps of past debris flow and area of potential debris flow pathways are maintained by the NC dEQ. See landslidesncgs.com for more information.

B: Use available existing vulnerability and risk assessment tools (such as the regional Land of Sky vulnerability and risk assessment) to guide development design and rezoning decisions.

C: Discourage the amount of land disturbed in steep slope developments, including construction of roads, as well as decrease density of development.

D: Continue to limit fill in floodplains unless additional standards are met.

E: Utilize the fire, building, and land development codes to mitigate risk of fire hazards in areas with limited access.

F: Encourage wildfire mitigation principles in new developments located in the Wildland Urban interface including:

- design recreation space and access roads to double as firebreaks
- design each home site to have defined defensible space
- Encourage fire resistant building design and provide defensible space around clustered development

G: Encourage best practice design standards for new construction within the Wildland Urban Interface.

H: Encourage additional street trees within new developments to enhance the environmental benefits of the requirement.

Rec 3.4: Improve stormwater management strategies and water quality protections.

A: Continue to limit built-upon area within the watersupply watersheds and provide standards for storm- water management.

B: Monitor water quality trends to determine effectiveness of existing regulations and other trends.

C: Consider additional site development standards to reduce stormwater and erosion impacts of new minor and major subdivisions.

- These could include changes to minimum disturbance thresholds that require stormwater devices or adjusting impervious surface lot coverage maximums.

D: Identify regulatory barriers and consider incentives for green infrastructure projects, which can lessen stress on natural systems.
GOAL 4: Prioritize Multi-Modal Transportation Options and Connectivity

Recommendations

Rec 4.1: Address traffic and road maintenance priorities.
A: Advocate for the County’s transportation priorities at the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) board meetings regarding project prioritization, roadway design, and safety.

B: Coordinate with NCDOT and municipalities via the Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).

C: Advocate for the NCDOT French Broad River MPO to update the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, which was adopted in 2008, and focus improvements around active transportation options and transit.
D: Collaborate with NCDOT and the French Broad River MPO to develop a county-wide Rural Roadway Design Manual to provide clear recommendations to NCDOT and developers for expanding and improving the transportation network throughout the County.

Rec 4.2: Adopt policies and regulations that reduce or mitigate impacts of new development.
A: Encourage adequate roadway connectivity with appropriate access (ingress and egress) and limited dead ends/cul-de-sacs in new subdivisions.
B: Consider reducing Henderson County’s Traffic Impact Study (TIS) threshold for developments located along specific road classifications.
C: Create access management standards for private roads and driveways in Henderson County, limiting the number of curb cuts on specific road classifications.
D: Consider amending the Land Development Code to allow for integration of residential and commercial uses to allow for shorter travel time between destinations.
E: Consider additional sidewalk/trail connections for new commercial developments, especially when adjacent to an existing trail.
F: Consider requiring Encourage connections between existing and new commercial developments to reduce curb cuts and make it easier to access the businesses.

Rec 4.3: Ensure that Promote the development of Henderson County’s transportation system in ways that benefits the community.
A: The County should continue to seek grant funding (through the French Broad River MPO and other sources) for corridor studies along primary roadways throughout the County.
B: Establish a vision for significant roadway corridors and its surrounding land use, with input from the community they serve.
C: Identify creative solutions for roadway congestion and safety during seasonal peak demand and at public schools.
D: Support NCDOT with the on-going corridor studies for major roadways US-64.
E: Address Collaborate through the TAC and the NCDOT on intersections with safety and congestion issues in the County.
F: Communicate the desire to NCDOT for prioritization of continuous traffic flow to allow for safer speeds, and EMS access, sustainability, and aesthetics in strategic rural intersections during high traffic seasons.
G: Encourage NCDOT to accept and maintain all public subdivision roads and drainage infrastructure which were dedicated, recorded, approved or installed prior to October 1, 1975
without requiring the private property owners who adjoin the improvement to pay the costs of bringing them up to current NCDOT standards.

Rec 4.4: Improve active transportation options (i.e. transit, sidewalks and bicycle facilities) in the County.
A: Identify opportunities to incorporate transit, cycling, and pedestrian facilities into roadway upgrades.
B: Advocate for NCDOT where appropriate to install wide, buffered multiuse paths along key roadways, giving people an option for bicycle and pedestrian commuting and recreational use when applicable and encourage NCDOT to install appropriate signage for bicyclists to follow local traffic laws.
C: Conduct studies of the transportation network surrounding County schools to identify deficiencies in safety and access.
D: Identify safe cycling routes and create and distribute maps to be made available to community members and visitors, and update as needed.
E: Support the State Legislature to improve solutions for the funding, construction, and maintenance of bike, public transit, and pedestrian infrastructure.
F: Work with NCDOT and the municipalities to create guidance for businesses that want to connect to a greenway identified in the Greenway Master Plan.
   • Ensure safety of pedestrians and bicyclists through parking lots and via roadway access
   • Encourage adjacent businesses to develop connections along existing trails

Rec 4.5: Maintain Apple Country Public Transit’s service levels and invest in infrastructure to support transit.
A: Conduct a transit feasibility study to identify gaps in transit service, particularly to schools, large employers, and greenway and recreation facilities as needed.
B: Use the Future Land Use Map to identify potential stops along transit routes.
C: Support higher density housing developments along transit routes.
D: Consider increasing the percentage of Henderson County’s population living Consider directing development to within 3/4 mile of the fixed-route transit system by extending the distance of the routes, and adding new routes, as well as by supporting denser housing.
NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. EMS Peer Review Committee – 6 vacs.
   
   Commissioner Hill made the motion to reappoint David Lee to position # 12, Mark Stepp to position #14, Marlee Arnold to position #15, Maureen Dzialo to position #16, and Lisha Corn-Stanley to position #17. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

2. Henderson County Planning Board – 3 vacs.
   
   Commissioner Lapsley made the motion to reappoint Jared Owenby to position # 5, Rick Livingston to position #6, and Linda Pittillo-Bradley to position #8. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

3. Home & Community Care Block Grant Advisory – 1 vac.
   
   There were no nominations, and this item was carried to the next meeting.

   
   There were no nominations, and this item was carried to the next meeting.

5. Nursing/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee – 11 vacs.
   
   There were no nominations, and this item was carried to the next meeting.

6. Airport Authority Board – Vacancy upcoming in July 2023
   
   Chairman McCall made the motion to nominate Dr. Laura Leatherwood to the Airport Authority Board when the position comes available in July. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

There were none.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE

John Mitchell updated the Board on items under consideration in both the NC General Assembly, as well as in the Federal Government. Mr. Mitchell highlighted that the federal budget was underway, with the primary issue surrounding the debt ceiling.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Mitchell noted that Staff has been working toward finalizing the County Manager’s Recommended Budget, and will publicly present it at the May 1st meeting. The County had closed on some property contiguous to the East Flat Rock Park and a ribbon cutting is forthcoming. Finally, the Airport had approved an MOU with the County on some property next door to Ferncliff, with the next step being the FAA. Finally, Mr. Mitchell congratulated the Board on the steps they had taken with regards to the drug court, such as the position that was approved on the Consent Agenda.
CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Edney made the motion that the Board go into closed session pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §143–318.11(a)(5), to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease, and §143–318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Chairman McCall made the motion to go out of closed session and adjourn at 12:26 p.m. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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Amy Brantley, Assistant County Manager   Rebecca McCall, Chairman