

## MINUTES

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HENDERSON**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023**

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 Rebecca McCall, Commissioner William Lapsley, 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.

Absent: Vice-Chair J. Michael Edney

Also present were: Director of Business and Community Development Christopher Todd, Finance Director Samantha Reynolds, Budget Analyst Jennifer Miranda, Engineer Marcus Jones, Chief Communications Officer Mike Morgan, Health Department Director Steve Smith, Capital Project Manager Bryan Rhodes, Flood Administrator Toby Linville, Lieutenant Jordan Warren, DSS Director Jerrie McFalls, Human Resources Director Karen Ensley, County Engineer Deb Johnston, PIO Kathy Finotti – videotaping, and Deputies Travis Pierce and John Ashe provided security

### CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

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

### INVOCATION

David Dickerson with Mountain Valley Baptist Church provided the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alyssa and Airely Hart, with the Young Naturalist 4-H Club, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

### RESOLUTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

#### **2023.125 Proclamation – 2023 National 4-H Week**

The Board was requested to proclaim October 1-7, 2023, National 4-H Week in Henderson County. 4-H is the largest youth development organization in North Carolina and the largest in the nation, with nearly six million participants. In Henderson County, 4-H programs have more than 150 members, have reached over 1,000 youth through in-school enrichment, and more than 60 volunteers are engaged in camps, school enrichment, special interest programs, and community clubs.

#### **NATIONAL 4-H WEEK PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** 4-H youth across the nation are leading efforts to solve problems in their communities and make a difference in their futures; and

**WHEREAS,** 4-H is the largest youth development organization in North Carolina and the

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largest in the nation, with nearly six million participants and

**WHEREAS,** in 2022, 4-H in North Carolina provided 20,787 educational activities impacting 188,425 youth; and

**WHEREAS,** Henderson County’s 4-H program numbers more than 150 members, over 1000 youth reached in-school enrichment, and more than 60 volunteers engaged in camps, school enrichment, special interest programs, and eight community clubs; and

**WHEREAS,** 4-H, as part of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service of NC State University and NC A&T State University, is a program where youth are engaged in experiential learning opportunities in 4-H’s mission mandates of science, engineering, technology, healthy living, and citizenship; and

**WHEREAS,** 4-H has connected youth and their communities with innovative research and resources from our nation’s 112 land-grant universities and colleges for more than 120 years;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Henderson County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 1-7, 2023, as National 4-H Week in Henderson County. We urge the people of this County to take advantage of the opportunity to become more aware of this research-based program that enhances our young people’s interests in their futures as part of Henderson County 4-H Youth Development and to join us in recognizing this unique partnership between our County and the University of North Carolina System.

Adopted this 2nd day of October 2023.

Commissioner Hill read the Resolution aloud.

*Commissioner Hill made the motion to adopt the proclamation as presented. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.*

Chairman McCall then presented the proclamation to Alyssa and Airely Hart with the Young Naturalist 4-H Club.

**2023.126 Proclamation – North Carolina’s Year of the Trail**

On August 10th, 2021, the NC legislature passed HB 554, designating 2023 as the “North Carolina Year of the Trail.” This historic designation underscores the tremendous energy behind

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showcasing, promoting, and celebrating North Carolina’s trails, both in terms of their positive impact on quality of life for NC residents, as well as significant economic impact on individual communities who benefit from ‘trail tourism.’

Henderson County joins communities across North Carolina in celebrating the 2023 Year of the Trail, a statewide campaign inviting every North Carolinian to get outside onto the trails, greenways, and blueways that stretch across the state. Henderson County is home to two of the twelve state trails in North Carolina: the French Broad River State Trail, which is a 115-mile long blueway, and the Hickory Nut Gorge State Trail, which will be built in Chimney Rock State Park with the assistance of Conserving Carolina and other partners.

In celebration of these state trails, the upcoming groundbreaking of the Ecusta Trail and the momentous funding for trails across the county, Henderson County is requested to proclaim 2023 as the Year of the Trail.

Chairman McCall read the proclamation aloud.

**PROCLAMATION – 2023 YEAR OF THE TRAIL**

**WHEREAS,** Henderson County’s natural beauty is critical to its residents’ quality of life, health, and economic well-being, and

**WHEREAS,** the trails that span across our community are an integral part of the recreational and transportation possibilities of our area and promote an enjoyment of scenic beauty by our residents our visitors; and

**WHEREAS,** Henderson County staff, management, elected officials, and its partners have worked to receive over \$27 million in grant funding specifically for the Henderson County side of the Ecusta Trail and

**WHEREAS,** Henderson County’s natural assets and resources are integral to disaster recovery and resiliency for future generations, and

**WHEREAS,** Henderson County’s nature trails vary from the Oklawaha Trail that traverses County and City parks, connects to areas of employment, and provides habitat for native species to the French Broad River State Trail, a “blueway” designated by the state that showcases the clean waters of Henderson County; to the Ecusta Trail that connects neighborhoods and creates alternative transportation to schools and jobs, will draw visitors and boost economic development, and is a safe space for recreation to benefit the health of residents and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS,** the parks, greenways, trails, and natural areas in our community are welcoming to all and provide a common ground for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds

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to access our rich and diverse natural, cultural, and historic resources and

**WHEREAS,** trails offer quality-of-life benefits to all as expressions of local community character and pride, as outdoor workshops for science education, as tools for economic revitalization, as free resources for healthy recreation, as accessible alternative transportation, and as sites for social and cultural events; and

**WHEREAS,** the North Carolina General Assembly designated 2023 as the Year of the Trail in North Carolina to promote and celebrate the state’s extensive network of trails that showcase our state’s beauty, vibrancy, and culture; and

**WHEREAS,** North Carolina is known as the “Great Trails State;”

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Henderson County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim 2023 as "THE YEAR OF THE TRAIL" in Henderson County and commend its observance to all people.

Adopted this 2nd day of October 2023.

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

Chairman McCall presented the Proclamation to Dr. Ken Shelton with the Friends of the Ecusta Trail.

#### **INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Chris Walters spoke in opposition to the new budget; he said the budget continues to fail teachers and everyone who works in the Public School System.
2. Joel Welsh spoke in support of the county pursuing an electric railway for the Saluda Grade portion of the old railway.
3. Virginia Tegel spoke in opposition to the recent tax revaluations. She also spoke in opposition to disbanding homelessness camps. She urged the Board to form a special committee to work on the problem of homelessness.

#### **DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA**

*Commissioner Lapsley made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.*

CONSENT AGENDA consisted of the following:

#### **Minutes**

Draft minutes were presented for Board review and approval of the following meeting(s):

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September 20, 2023 - Regularly Scheduled Meeting

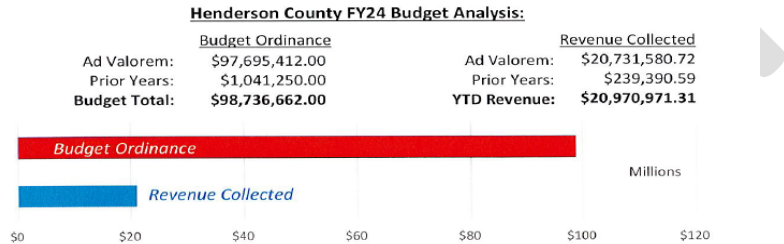
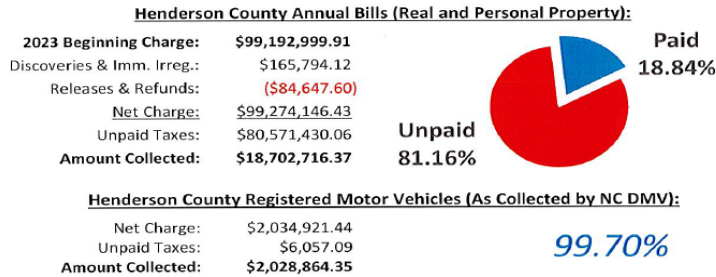
Motion:

*I move the Board approve the minutes of September 20, 2023.*

**Tax Collector’s Report**

The report from the office of the Tax Collector was provided for the Board’s information.

Please find outlined below collections information through September 25, 2023 for 2023 real and personal property bills mailed on August 21, 2023. Vehicles taxes are billed monthly by NC DMV.



**2023.127 Pending Releases and Refunds**

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

The pending release and refund requests were submitted for the approval by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners.

<b>Type:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
Total Taxes Released from the Charge	\$ 13,068.68
Total Refunds as a result of the Above Releases	\$ 479.35

Motion:

*I move the Board approve the Combined Release/Refund Report as presented.*

**County Financial Report/Cash Balance Report – August 2023**

The August 2023 County Financial and Cash Balance Reports were provided for the Board’s review and approval.

The following are explanations for departments/programs with higher budgets to actual percentages for the month of August:

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- Dues/Non-Profit Contributions – payment of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Board appropriations
- Elections – timing of payment of Board-approved expenditures
- Legal – timing of payment of Board-approved expenditures
- Information Technology – timing of payment of Board-approved expenditures
- Rescue Squad – payment of 1st quarter Board appropriations and billing for reimbursement of utilities
- Agri-Business – excess operating expenditures, to be covered by membership fees
- Mental Health – payment of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Board appropriations
- Public Education – payment of 2 of 10 annual appropriates made to the public school system
- Non-Department – Occupancy Tax receipts not included in budget ordinance

Year to Date Net Revenues under Expenditures for the Emergency Telephone System (911) Fund is due to utilizing fund balance appropriations for FY24.

Year to Date Net Revenues under Expenditures for the Public Transit Fund were due to payment for contracted services to be reimbursed by grant funding.

Year to Date Net Revenues under Expenditures for the Misc. Other Governmental Activities were due to the expenditure of program funds held in fund balance received during the previous year.

HENDERSON COUNTY FINANCIAL REPORT AUGUST 2023						
GENERAL FUND REVENUES						
	BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	% USED	ENCUMBRANCES	TOTAL
General Fund	196,782,007	12,344,064.52	14,784,384.41	7.5%	-	14,784,384.41
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES						
	BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	% USED	ENCUMBRANCES	TOTAL
Governing Body	665,655	29,488.49	75,027.80	11.27%	4,484.21	79,512.01
Dues/Non-Profit Contributions	776,896	15,084.14	171,281.47	22.05%	-	171,281.47
County Manager	470,511	23,954.78	48,662.95	10.35%	-	48,662.95
Administrative Services	823,862	55,427.69	113,694.16	13.80%	-	113,694.16
Human Resources	1,444,007	112,045.48	230,415.18	15.96%	15,928.50	246,343.68
Elections	1,127,819	37,508.60	250,221.25	22.19%	58,645.00	308,866.25
Finance	1,344,653	94,234.86	211,026.49	15.69%	-	211,026.49
County Assessor	2,133,023	135,333.68	270,453.43	12.68%	-	270,453.43
Tax Collector	589,666	33,821.53	70,134.18	11.89%	-	70,134.18
Legal	1,086,063	102,126.66	201,402.07	18.54%	-	201,402.07
Register of Deeds	727,473	51,377.93	101,174.55	13.91%	5,039.50	106,214.05
Facilities Services	6,233,590	426,496.00	624,043.02	10.01%	417,807.04	1,041,850.06
Garage	553,002	55,238.94	72,828.28	13.17%	26,172.44	99,000.72
Court Facilities	153,000	10,942.81	11,549.61	7.55%	-	11,549.61
Information Technology	6,269,670	752,501.40	1,561,446.38	24.90%	1,192,286.02	2,753,732.40
Sheriff	23,489,447	1,794,241.91	3,560,732.51	15.16%	134,574.69	3,695,307.20
Detention Center	6,827,956	457,272.94	986,791.00	14.45%	420,285.28	1,407,076.28
Emergency Management	841,909	58,354.59	111,715.08	13.27%	10,355.49	122,070.57
Fire Services	1,025,489	30,759.87	64,997.95	6.34%	3,581.00	68,578.95
Building Services	1,655,748	113,452.81	238,259.36	14.39%	-	238,259.36
Wellness Clinic	1,460,986	154,140.74	214,311.40	14.67%	147,556.92	361,868.32
Emergency Medical Services	12,339,168	823,231.50	1,683,760.54	13.65%	154,873.29	1,838,633.83
Animal Services	963,795	58,485.31	113,562.75	11.78%	13,772.28	127,335.03
Rescue Squad	757,750	(701.96)	189,458.10	25.00%	-	189,458.10
Forestry Services	151,972	(1,519.75)	(1,519.75)	-1.00%	-	(1,519.75)
Soil & Water Conservation	553,313	44,207.40	77,631.61	14.03%	23,416.00	101,047.61
Planning	1,026,955	65,864.50	131,726.24	12.83%	-	131,726.24
Code Enforcement Services	331,303	23,621.21	48,800.05	14.73%	-	48,800.05
Site Development	321,490	23,723.27	45,091.57	14.03%	-	45,091.57
Heritage Museum	100,000	-	16,666.66	16.67%	-	16,666.66
Cooperative Extension	681,039	47,331.39	96,997.02	14.24%	-	96,997.02
Projects Management	267,360	9,457.30	21,238.20	7.94%	-	21,238.20
Economic Development	945,777	133,500.00	133,500.00	14.12%	-	133,500.00
Agri-Business	220,084	20,437.79	40,472.16	18.36%	4,984.98	45,457.16
Public Health	12,419,072	768,281.44	1,530,071.49	12.32%	497,945.54	2,028,017.03
Environmental Health	1,876,787	122,830.05	256,204.04	13.65%	-	256,204.04
H&C Block Grant	844,293	68,178.00	68,178.00	8.08%	-	68,178.00
Medical Services - Autopsies	90,000	10,200.00	-	0.00%	-	-
Strategic Behavioral Health	88,675	-	-	0.00%	-	-
Mental Health	528,612	-	132,153.00	25.00%	-	132,153.00
Rural Transportation Assist Program	201,384	14,133.42	14,133.42	7.02%	-	14,133.42
Social Services	22,693,581	1,469,593.27	3,037,073.56	13.38%	15,000.00	3,052,073.56
Juvenile Justice Programs	302,020	36,515.00	36,515.00	12.09%	-	36,515.00
Veteran Services	245,704	7,375.40	30,267.69	12.32%	-	30,267.69
Public Library	4,064,479	319,035.03	677,034.84	16.66%	343,315.60	1,020,350.44
Recreation	3,225,812	214,647.92	531,485.02	16.48%	141,253.35	672,738.37
Public Education	40,128,000	3,500,300.00	7,854,766.66	19.57%	-	7,854,766.66
Debt Service	19,178,617	9,925.00	9,925.00	0.05%	-	9,925.00
Non-Departmental	755,510	433,670.89	433,882.84	57.43%	-	433,882.84
Interfund Transfers	11,778,750	979,895.84	1,959,791.68	16.64%	-	1,959,791.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>196,782,007</b>	<b>13,745,724.57</b>	<b>28,359,065.53</b>		<b>3,631,277.13</b>	<b>31,990,342.66</b>
<b>Net Revenues over (under) Exp.</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,401,660.05)</b>	<b>(13,574,681.12)</b>		<b>(3,631,277.13)</b>	<b>(17,205,958.25)</b>

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APPROPRIATIONS DETAIL						
	BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	% USED	ENCUMBRANCES	TOTAL
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>						
Staff Operations	18,512,688	1,237,083.12	2,648,053.71	14.3%	15,000.00	2,663,053.71
Federal & State Programs	4,080,895	227,092.85	382,363.71	9.4%	-	382,363.71
General Assistance	100,000	5,417.30	6,656.14	6.7%	-	6,656.14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,693,581</b>	<b>1,469,593.27</b>	<b>3,037,073.56</b>		<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>3,052,073.56</b>
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
Schools Current/Capital Expense	34,628,000	3,500,300.00	6,938,100.00	20.0%	-	6,938,100.00
Blue Ridge Community College	5,500,000	-	916,666.66	16.7%	-	916,666.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,128,000</b>	<b>3,500,300.00</b>	<b>7,854,766.66</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>7,854,766.66</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>						
Public Schools	11,642,875	2,825.00	2,825.00	0.0%	-	2,825.00
Blue Ridge Community College	3,297,401	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Henderson County	4,238,341	7,100.00	7,100.00	0.2%	-	7,100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,178,617</b>	<b>9,925.00</b>	<b>9,925.00</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>9,925.00</b>
<b>INTERFUND TRANSFERS</b>						
Capital Projects Fund	250,000	20,833.34	41,666.68	16.7%	-	41,666.68
Capital Reserve Fund	4,603,500	383,625.00	767,250.00	16.7%	-	767,250.00
Fire Districts Fund	20,000	-	-	0.0%	-	-
HCPS MRTS	4,603,500	383,625.00	767,250.00	16.7%	-	767,250.00
BRCC MRTS	2,301,750	191,812.50	383,625.00	16.7%	-	383,625.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,778,750</b>	<b>979,895.84</b>	<b>1,959,791.68</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>1,959,791.68</b>
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS						
	BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	% USED	ENCUMBRANCES	TOTAL
<b>FIRE DISTRICTS FUND</b>						
Revenues:	15,915,648	1,410,920.78	1,426,488.35	9.0%	-	1,426,488.35
Expenditures:	15,915,648	4,250.32	59,740.32	0.4%	-	59,740.32
<b>Net Revenues over (under) Exp</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,406,670.46</b>	<b>1,366,748.03</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>1,366,748.03</b>
<b>REVALUATION RESERVE FUND</b>						
Revenues:	1,510,021	139,227.56	273,034.99	18.1%	-	273,034.99
Expenditures:	1,510,021	110,753.36	227,555.80	15.1%	1,083.90	228,639.70
<b>Net Revenues over (under) Exp</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,474.20</b>	<b>45,479.19</b>		<b>(1,083.90)</b>	<b>44,395.29</b>
<b>EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM (911) FUND</b>						
Revenues:	271,349	5,721.90	8,347.97	3.1%	-	8,347.97
Expenditures:	271,349	99,810.03	153,406.35	56.5%	-	153,406.35
<b>Net Revenues over (under) Exp</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(94,088.13)</b>	<b>(145,058.38)</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>(145,058.38)</b>
<b>PUBLIC TRANSIT FUND</b>						
Revenues:	1,147,785	7,061.99	7,061.99	0.6%	-	7,061.99
Expenditures:	1,147,785	66,644.33	66,644.33	5.8%	15,152.83	81,797.16
<b>Net Revenues over (under) Exp</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(59,582.34)</b>	<b>(59,582.34)</b>		<b>(15,152.83)</b>	<b>(74,735.17)</b>
<b>MISC. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>						
Revenues:	960,000	37,036.39	76,102.64	7.9%	-	76,102.64
Expenditures:	960,000	74,804.97	109,372.53	11.4%	-	109,372.53
<b>Net Revenues over (under) Exp</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(37,768.58)</b>	<b>(33,269.89)</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>(33,269.89)</b>
<b>ARPA FUND</b>						
Revenues:	-	125,185.06	200,373.35	-	-	200,373.35
Expenditures:	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Revenues over (under) Exp</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,185.06</b>	<b>200,373.35</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>200,373.35</b>
<b>OPIOID FUND</b>						
Revenues:	209,217	389,676.13	608,063.55	-	-	608,063.55
Expenditures:	209,217	43.79	7,780.30	-	3,395.27	11,175.57
<b>Net Revenues over (under) Exp</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>389,632.34</b>	<b>600,283.25</b>		<b>(3,395.27)</b>	<b>596,887.98</b>
CAPITAL PROJECTS						
	BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	PROJECT TO DATE	% USED	ENCUMBRANCES	TOTAL
<b>EDNEYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT (1702)</b>						
Revenues:	26,854,136	9,166.48	27,845,167.13	103.7%	-	27,845,167.13
Expenditures:	26,854,136	-	25,331,294.76	94.3%	-	25,331,294.76
<b>Net Revenues over (under) Exp</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,166.48</b>	<b>2,513,872.37</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>2,513,872.37</b>
<b>HENDERSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT - 2019 (1903) - PROJECT COMPLETE</b>						
Revenues:	60,442,694	15,105.94	61,180,389.90	101.2%	-	61,180,389.90
Expenditures:	60,442,694	-	60,940,000.37	100.8%	-	60,940,000.37
<b>Net Revenues over (under) Exp</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,105.94</b>	<b>240,389.53</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>240,389.53</b>
<b>BRCC PATTON BUILDING PROJECT (1904) - PROJECT COMPLETE</b>						
Revenues:	24,800,016	3,667.05	25,491,653.09	102.8%	-	25,491,653.09
Expenditures:	24,800,016	212,548.25	25,083,221.60	101.1%	-	25,083,221.60
<b>Net Revenues over (under) Exp</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(208,881.20)</b>	<b>408,431.49</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>408,431.49</b>
ENTERPRISE FUNDS						
	BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	% USED	ENCUMBRANCES	TOTAL
<b>SOLID WASTE LANDFILL FUND</b>						
Revenues:	9,345,547	807,205.94	1,458,706.70	15.6%	-	1,458,706.70
Expenditures:	9,345,547	747,775.92	911,418.75	9.8%	5,346,968.37	6,258,387.12
<b>Net Revenues over (under) Exp</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,430.02</b>	<b>547,287.95</b>		<b>(5,346,968.37)</b>	<b>(4,799,680.42)</b>
<b>JUSTICE ACADEMY SEWER FUND</b>						
Revenues:	67,739	7,968.37	14,247.72	21.0%	-	14,247.72
Expenditures:	67,739	3,019.44	3,181.27	4.7%	-	3,181.27
<b>Net Revenues over (under) Exp</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,948.93</b>	<b>11,066.45</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>11,066.45</b>

Approved:

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
CASH BALANCE REPORT  
AUGUST 2023**

<u>Fund(s)</u>	<u>07/31/23 Beg. Cash Balance</u>	<u>Debits Revenues</u>	<u>(Credits) Expenditures</u>	<u>08/31/23 Ending Cash Balance</u>
General	\$ 81,057,242.87	\$ 18,619,757.53	\$ (18,526,403.03)	\$ 81,150,597.37
Special Revenue	40,524,975.02	2,521,535.62	(624,187.98)	\$ 42,422,322.66
Capital Projects	6,969,478.68	54,809.57	(1,065,212.87)	\$ 5,959,075.38
Enterprise	2,235,693.05	914,803.22	(744,014.07)	\$ 2,406,482.20
HCPS - Maint. and Repair	8,868,483.30	383,625.00	-	\$ 9,252,108.30
BRCC - Maint. and Repair	1,970,892.33	191,812.50	-	\$ 2,162,704.83
Custodial	504,606.26	1,287,773.46	(244,161.10)	\$ 1,548,218.62
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 142,131,371.51</u>	<u>\$ 23,974,116.90</u>	<u>\$ (21,203,979.05)</u>	
Total cash available as of 08/31/2023				<u>\$ 144,901,509.36</u>

Motion:

*I move the Board approve the August 2023 County Financial Report and Cash Balance Report as presented.*

**Henderson County Public Schools Financial Report – August 2023**

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

**HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE/OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS  
as of August 31, 2023**

	<b>LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND</b>	<b>OTHER RESTRICTED FUND</b>		
	<b>YTD Activity</b>	<b>YTD Activity</b>	<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>Prior YTD</b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
3200 State Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3700 Federal Sources-Restricted	-	104,304	104,304	41,591
3800 Other Federal-ROTC	-	-	-	2,521
4100 County Appropriation	6,575,600	-	6,575,600	6,275,600
4200 Local -Tuition/Fees	-	2,280	2,280	4,500
4400 Local-Unrestricted	86,047	16,914	102,961	63,472
4800 Local-Restricted	-	24,947	24,947	12,144
4900 Fund Balance Appropriated/Transfer From school	-	401	401	-
<b>TOTAL FUND REVENUES</b>	<u>\$ 6,661,647</u>	<u>\$ 148,846</u>	<u>\$ 6,810,493</u>	<u>\$ 6,399,828</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
<b>Instructional Services:</b>				
5100 Regular Instructional Services	\$ 540,762	\$ 44,000	\$ 584,762	\$ 680,890
5200 Special Populations Services	10,063	57,678	67,742	51,867
5300 Alternative Programs and Services	1,062	34,807	35,869	98,543
5400 School Leadership Services	403,904	9,904	413,808	419,150
5500 Co-Curricular Services	31,578	3,094	34,671	33,443
5800 School-Based Support Services	205,742	-	205,742	151,287
<b>Total Instructional Services</b>	<u>\$ 1,193,112</u>	<u>\$ 149,483</u>	<u>\$ 1,342,594</u>	<u>\$ 1,435,181</u>
<b>System-Wide Support Services:</b>				
6100 Support and Development Services	\$ 44,752	\$ 26,506	\$ 71,258	\$ 50,755
6200 Special Population Support	34,834	17,605	52,440	35,618
6300 Alternative Programs	14,689	431	15,120	17,409
6400 Technology Support Services	290,207	7,715	297,922	229,672
6500 Operational Support Services	1,344,053	22,085	1,366,138	1,153,296
6800 Financial and Human Resource Services	1,342,303	31,758	1,374,060	1,256,926
6700 Accountability Services	31,474	1,200	32,674	32,015
6800 System-Wide Pupil Support Services	57,451	538	57,989	65,953
6900 Policy, Leadership and Public Relations	131,664	13,220	144,884	116,338
<b>Total System-Wide Support Services</b>	<u>\$ 3,291,428</u>	<u>\$ 121,057</u>	<u>\$ 3,412,485</u>	<u>\$ 2,957,982</u>
<b>Ancillary Services:</b>				
7100 Community Services	\$ 388	\$ 15,710	\$ 16,097	\$ 17,611
7200 Nutrition Services	388	8,120	8,508	971
<b>Total Ancillary Services</b>	<u>\$ 775</u>	<u>\$ 23,830</u>	<u>\$ 24,605</u>	<u>\$ 18,582</u>
<b>Non-Programmed Charges:</b>				
8100 Payments to Other Governmental Units	\$ 209,143	\$ 681	\$ -	\$ -
8400 Interfund Transfers	-	300	300	32,015
8600 Educational Foundations	-	978	978	1,857
<b>Total Non-Programmed Charges</b>	<u>\$ 209,143</u>	<u>\$ 1,957</u>	<u>\$ 978</u>	<u>\$ 1,857</u>
<b>TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$ 4,694,458</u>	<u>\$ 296,327</u>	<u>\$ 4,780,661</u>	<u>\$ 4,413,602</u>

Approved:



Motion:

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

**Notification of Vacancies**

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

- 1. Laurel Park Planning Board – 1 vac.  
 Position #1 – Position Requirement – Must reside in the Laurel Park ETJ

**2023.128 Budget Amendment – Capital Reserve Fund**

As part of the budget development process for this current fiscal year, the Board of Commissioners requested Parks and Recreation staff to investigate the cost of refurbishing the Jackson Park Tennis Courts. Staff worked with multiple local contractors to get accurate cost estimate information, which showed a total renovation cost to be approximately \$300,000 for all the lower courts.

The tennis courts would be removed to their subsurface material, which would be augmented and repaired as needed. A new playing surface would be applied and striped for tennis and pickleball. The courts would also receive new fencing.

Motion:

*I move the Board approve the budget amendment and direct Staff to proceed with repairing the tennis courts.*

**2023.129 Soil and Water Conservation District – CCAP Grant Award**

The Henderson Soil and Water Conservation District is requesting that the Board approve the Water Resources Development Grant awarded on June 5, 2023, to the department for the Jackson Park Feasibility and Engineering Study. This Project will evaluate stormwater drainage improvements, floodplain connectivity, and stream restoration opportunities at Jackson Park. The Board committed to acquire the additional \$50,000 in matching funds either through donations, other grants, or County funds at the February 6, 2023 meeting. The amount awarded to the department for this project is in the table below:

Grant Funder	Award Amount
NC Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Resources: Water Resources Development Grant	\$50,000

Motion:

*I move the Board of Commissioners approve the Water Resources Development grant for the Jackson Park Feasibility and Engineering Study and the associated Budget Amendment.*

**Fee Schedule Revision - Additional Vaccine Fees**

The Henderson County Department of Public Health recently received information about two categories of vaccines and their cost that need to be incorporated within the public health fee schedule. The first category reflects the commercialization of COVID-19 vaccines (moving from

Approved:

government-supplied to private purchase), and the 2<sup>nd</sup> category represents the newly available respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccines.

This information was presented to the Henderson County Board of Health at their September 12, 2023 meeting. The Board approved the proposed vaccine fees and for the matter to be forwarded to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners for consideration and final approval. These vaccine changes were anticipated for FY 24, and those estimated expenses and revenues are within the current budget.

<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>FY24 Fee</b>
90679 Pfizer RSV VACCINE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN	\$269.00
90380 BEYFORTUS RSV MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY (Infants 0-24 mo.)	\$495.00
91318 Pfizer COVID 19 ages 6m-4yrs	\$57.00
91319 Pfizer COVID-19 ages 5 yrs-11yrs	\$76.00
91320 Pfizer COVID 19 ages 12+	\$113.00
91321 Moderna COVID 19 ages 6m-11yrs	\$123.00
91322 Moderna COVID 19 ages 12+	\$131.00

Motion:

*I move the Board approve the additional vaccine fees and for them to be incorporated within the FY 24 fee schedule*

**2023.130 Amendment to County Code**

A 2022 session law modified the appeals procedure allowed for land development-related decisions. As a result, N.C. Gen. Stat. §160D-1403, on appeals of subdivision plats, now reads as follows in part:

**(b) When a subdivision regulation adopted under this Chapter provides that the decision whether to approve or deny a preliminary or final subdivision plat is administrative, or for any other administrative decision implementing a subdivision regulation, the following applies:**

**(1) If made by the governing board or planning board, the decision is subject to review by filing an action in superior court . . . .**

Table 12.1 of Henderson County Code §42-379 provided for appeals from the planning board to be made to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, which is not permitted under this statute.

As this amendment is required by the statute, it has not been presented for comment to the Planning Board.

Motion:

*I move that the Board adopt the proposed amendment to Section 42-379 of the Henderson County Code.*

Approved:

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

**DISCUSSION**

**Homeless Camp Discussion**

Henderson County has seen increasing numbers of homeless encampments on public and private property. To aid in the removal of these nuisances, this presentation is the creation of a “Toolbox” to streamline the discovery and clean-up of these encampments.

Floodplain Administrator Toby Linville and Lieutenant Jordan Warren presented the following to the Board.

The graphic features the text "Homeless Camp Toolbox" on the left and a bulleted list of actions on the right:

- Create brochure/website/resources
- Complaint to Code Enforcement/HCSO
- Determine property owner
- Obtain trespassing agreement
- Post Property
- Remove Occupants-Remove solid waste
- Periodic inspection

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACT AS AGENT TO: HENDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

I hereby authorize each sworn Deputy Sheriff of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office to act as my agent in ordering individuals to leave the premises described herein during the enumerated hours. I understand that each sworn officer can act as my agent and order individuals to leave the premises described herein, and it is understood that if any individual does not leave said premises, the Deputy Sheriff(s) of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office may make arrest(s) for violation of the trespass statute(s) (N.C.G.S. 14-159.12 or 14-159.13) or any other applicable statute(s).

I understand and agree that I can be called on to sign a complaint pursuant to this agreement, and I agree to testify in court that I have authorized the Henderson County Sheriff's Office and its officers to order individuals or groups to leave the premises described herein (vacant lot, occupied business, vacant house, etc.) during the enumerated hours. If I wish to terminate this authorization to act as agent prior to the one-year expiration date or if my ownership or authority over this property should terminate, I will notify the police department immediately.

Hours of Enforcement: \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_ or 24 hours \_\_\_\_\_  
(Hours during which ABSOLUTELY NO ONE is permitted to be on the property)

**"NO TRESPASSING" SIGNS MUST BE UP POSTING THE PROPERTY BEFORE THIS AUTHORIZATION CAN BE USED. A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SIGN(S) MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS AUTHORIZATION**

Property Location and description: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner or Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

NORTH CAROLINA  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY

I, \_\_\_\_\_ a Notary Public for said County and State do hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ personally appeared before me this date and acknowledged the due execution of the above instrument.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)

Approved:

Commissioner Lapsley clarified that the county enforces only the unincorporated areas of the county. Cities and municipalities are responsible for homeless camps that are located within their jurisdictions.

## Howard Gap Rd x Ebenezer Church



Approved:



## Oklawaha Trl



Lieutenant Warren said there have been 23 homeless related calls for service to the Sheriff's Department since December 2022. Callers have reported they hear screaming, yelling, and sounds of assault. Once deputies arrive on the scene, subjects are often on an impairing substance or arguing over tent sites. He said the sites contain human waste and hypodermic needles that are uncapped and have been used. Law enforcement must use extreme caution while on site.

Approved:



## Jackson Park/64 Bridge



Commissioner Hill noted that county services are available to assist the homeless population.

Approved:



# Jackson Park/Off 4<sup>th</sup> Ave E



Approved:



Lieutenant Warren said a lot of the homeless camps are discovered due to emergency calls made for individuals who are unresponsive or have overdosed.

Approved:



# Ecusta Trl



Ecusta Camp 2 2/24/23	Ecusta Trl 9/10/23 Camp 2
9000000 COUNTY LANDFILL 130 N KENY STREET HENNINGDALE, NC 28542	9000000 COUNTY LANDFILL 130 N KENY STREET HENNINGDALE, NC 28542
Weight: Richard East	Weight: Richard East
GLL ID: 1397	GLL ID: 1397
9000000 COUNTY LANDFILL 130 N KENY STREET HENNINGDALE, NC 28542	9000000 COUNTY LANDFILL 130 N KENY STREET HENNINGDALE, NC 28542
Vehicle ID:	Vehicle ID:
Reference:	Reference: 00000000
Origin: HENNING COUNTY	Origin: HENNING COUNTY
Date In: 10/2/2023 TIME IN: 15:00:00	Date In: 09/10/2023 TIME IN: 15:57:25
Date Out: 10/2/2023 TIME OUT: 16:10:00	Date Out: 10/2/2023 TIME OUT: 16:29:25
ISSUES	ISSUES
Ticket Number: 01-0000000	Ticket Number: 01-0000000
128.5 1 BULKY METRO 50.0 LB	84.5 1 BULKY METRO 50.0 LB
900.0 100 METRO 50.0 LB	900.0 100 METRO 50.0 LB
0.0 0.0 LB	0.0 0.0 LB
By: Jace-Lewis 800001	By: Jace-Lewis 800001
4.22 Administrative Fee 11.00	1.00 Administrative Fee 11.00
TOTAL AMOUNT: 15.00	TOTAL AMOUNT: 15.00



Approved:

# Gypsy Ln R-O-W



# Greenville Hwy



Approved:



John Mitchell noted that this is a complaint-driven ordinance.

Mr. Linville explained the enforcement procedure once a complaint is received. Staff will visit the site to assess whether the property contains a violation. At that point, the staff person would speak to the property owner. If the owner does nothing and makes no attempt to clean up, the owner may be cited with a 30-day notice of violation, just as any other nuisance property would be. The burden of cleaning the mess lies on the property owner.

Approved:

Commissioner Hill said that property owners are being trespassed upon and against their will. This ordinance is for the public's protection, and disbanding the homeless camps aids the property owners in getting the camps off their property.



Approved:

### Broadband Discussion

The North Carolina Budget has appropriated \$350 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the GREAT Grant program. The 2021-2022 funding round may award up to \$350 million in federal ARPA funding. The application window opens on Jan. 31, and applications are due April 4.

Awards can be made within eligible economically distressed counties in areas unserved with broadband at speeds of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload. Project deployments must provide minimum speeds of 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload, scalable to 100 Mbps symmetrical. The program encourages partnerships with counties, nonprofits, or other internet service providers. Grants require matching investments from private broadband provider grantees, leveraging funding to deploy infrastructure to N.C. households, businesses, and farms in the most rural and remote areas of the state.

The County Commissioners may wish to schedule a special called meeting in order to review any broadband provider's GREAT Grant application in order to determine the appropriateness in supporting the provider's application.

# GREAT Grant Update

Broadband Taskforce

October 2, 2023

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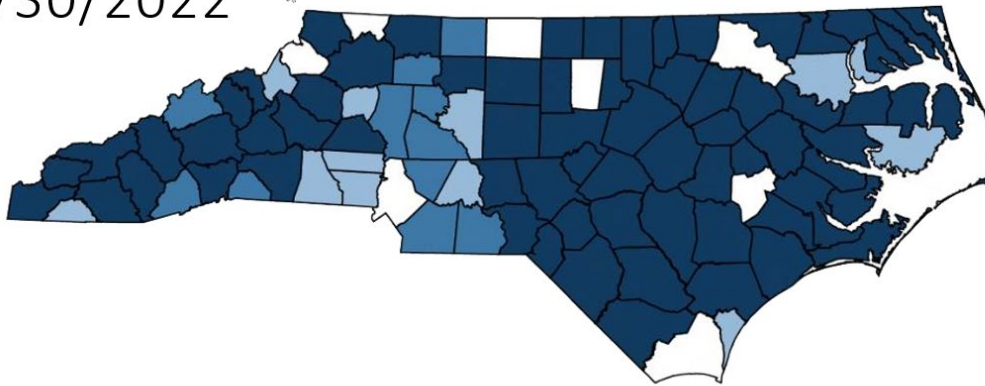
## NORTH CAROLINA MAJOR PROGRAMS

- GREAT
  - Total of 305 applications received
  - Requested \$1.77B in total project costs
  - Three rounds completed – fourth round in process
- Infrastructure Solutions
  - Completing Access to Broadband (CAB)
  - Stop Gap Solutions
  - Pole Replace
- Digital Equity & Literacy Programs
- [Future] BEAD Program participation



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# GREAT GRANT AWARDS THROUGH 9/30/2022

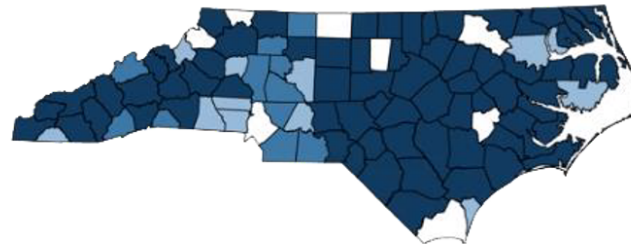


\$23.4M in 12 counties (July 18)
  \$30.8M in 11 counties (Aug. 1)
  \$206.3M in 69 counties (Aug. 31)

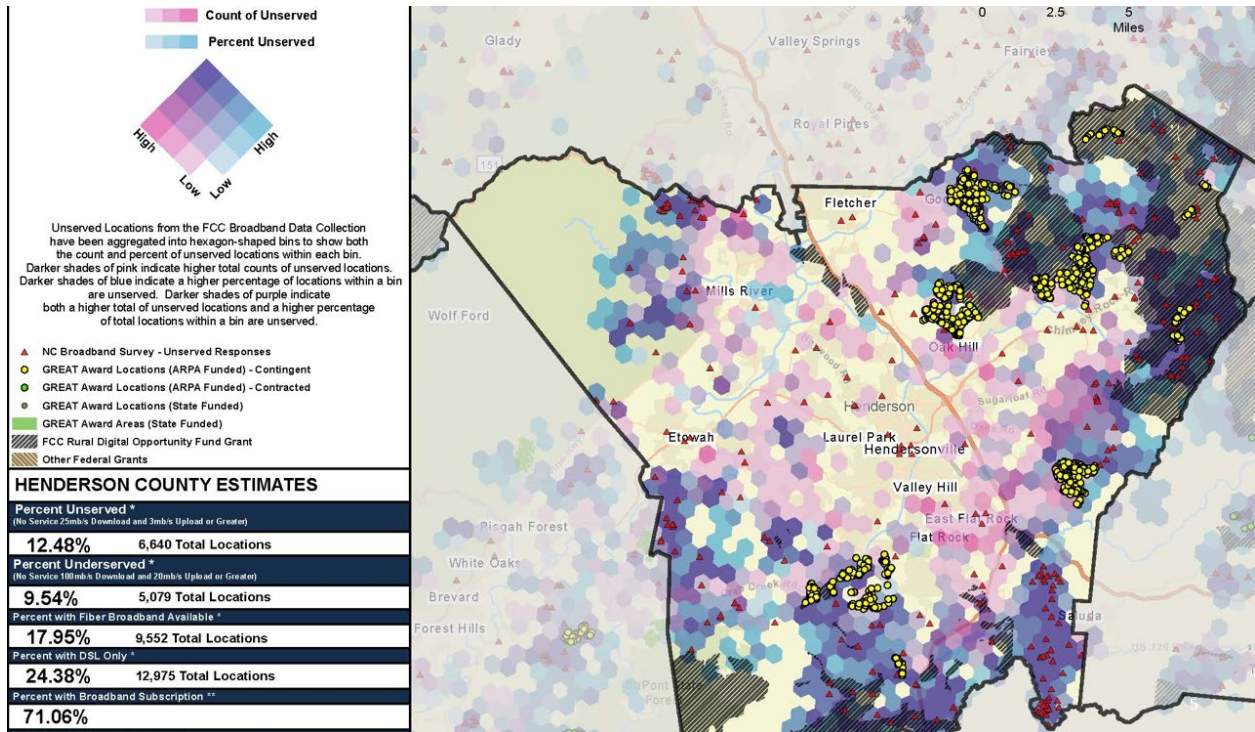


## GREAT GRANT

- Total Awards to date: 92
- Total providers awarded: 15
  - 3 telephone membership co-operatives
  - 2 electric membership co-operatives
  - 5 publicly traded corporations
  - 2 multi-state internet service providers
  - 3 small businesses
- Awarded average cost per location: \$4,776
- Total awarded locations: 112,112
- Total match amount \$146,692,468
- 2021 County Tiers:
  - Tier 1: 38
  - Tier 2: 37
  - Tier 3: 17
- Awards by Regions:
  - Mountain: 21
  - Piedmont: 33
  - Coastal Plain: 38



Approved:



## CAB PROJECT FUNDING & ELIGIBILITY

- Designed as three-way partnership between service provider, counties and the State
- Required reviews of financial, operational & technical viability
- A county is considered ineligible to participate in either the North Carolina GREAT or CAB programs:
  - If a county has entered into a contract with an ISP on or after May 1 2021, and,
  - has used federal funds for a broadband infrastructure project unsupported by a State program
- CAB represents a potential opportunity to advance locally focused projects not funded in the current round of GREAT grants

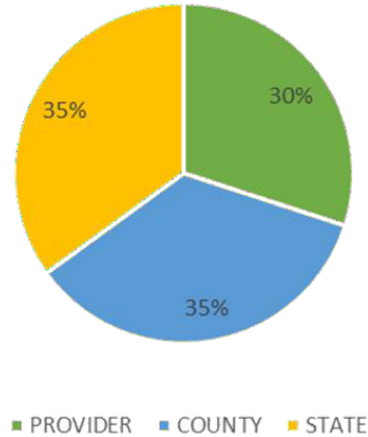


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# CAB EXAMPLE PROJECT FUNDING

- Maximum State contribution is \$4M
- Example graph is for a county which received more than \$8M in ARPA funding
- Funding Sources
  - Provider – up to 30% of the total project cost
  - County – At least 35% of the total project cost
  - NC BIO – Up to 35% of the total project cost
- Differing percentages for ARPA funding received
  - More than \$8M in ARPA funding, or
  - Less than \$8M in ARPA funding
    - \$4M to \$8M
    - \$250K to \$4M

Funding Sources - Example Project



After discussion, *It was the consensus of the Board to schedule a special meeting of the Broadband Task for Tuesday, October 24, 2023, AT 6 p.m.*

### Career Development Discussion

Chairman McCall and Henderson County Education Foundation Executive Director Peggy Marshall presented a proposed student mentorship program overview.



Disconnected Youth (Opportunity Youth)  
 defined as those who are age 16-19,  
 NOT in school, NOT working

### Problem Statement

The steady decline of **Core Family** and **Family Values**, as well as loss of **Community Connectivity**, has resulted in an increase of **Disconnected Youth** in Henderson County and North Carolina.

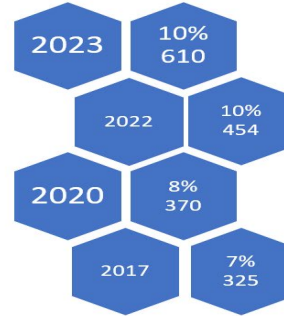
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# Statistics Pathways INITIATIVE



NC Statewide – 11% of 16-19  
(County range: 3%-23%)



Henderson County DY Identified

# HC Task Force Pathways INITIATIVE

**Recommendation:**

Provide transportation for students who are unable to participate in after school activities because they do not have a ride home. Purchase 5 minivans to share among 9 schools.

**Costs:** 9 schools, 45 mpd, 180 days

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- Fuel/insurance 20,000
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Completed

Approved:

## Recommendations:

Establish a mentoring program similar to McNair Foundation in Rutherford County

- Established by Robert and Janice McNair - 30 year program
- Provides mentors for every middle and high school student (3500)
- Focus on career path planning
- Provides scholarship opportunities for those with financial need
- Students prepared academically and financially for college and career path



## YOUTH WITH A MENTOR ARE:



55%

more likely to be enrolled in college



78%

more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities



130%

more likely to hold a leadership position in a club or sports team



90%

of respondents reported being interested in becoming mentors themselves



### Mentor Program Update:

Committee Established

- Sheila Dale, Mark Garrett, Jay Egolf, and Peggy Marshall

Public Presentation held at BRCC – Aug 30, 2023

Approved:

- Presentation by Director of McNair Foundation Program:  
<https://vimeo.com/862441707>
- 80 – 100 people in attendance
- 50% volunteering as mentors and to help organize

Initial school identified (based on statistics of dropout rate and grade advancement 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>)

Potential Coordinator Identified

## HC Success Coaching Program



Think of a person who made a difference for you in your life. One person who was a positive influence? (family member, friend, teacher, coach, someone from work, church). That one person illustrates the **POWER OF ONE!**

All it takes is **one** single significant adult to completely change the trajectory of a child's life. Each **one** of us in this room has the opportunity to be that one person (that **one** significant adult) for a child. By working collectively to create a 1-1 student success coaching program, imagine the influence we can have. **TOGETHER** we can change the lives of the youth in Henderson County.

### Importance of Student Success

**End in Mind:** Preparing our students for the “day after graduation” (being successful in college, career, life...)

- Personal growth and development (knowledge, skills, self confidence)
- Career opportunities (employability, earning potential)
- Social mobility (access to opportunities, networking)
- Contribution to society/ civic engagement (innovation, leadership)
- Problem solving and critical thinking
- Personal fulfillment and satisfaction

**9th grade is the most critical year to ensure students graduate on time or at all!**

Approved:

### Support Systems Needed:

#### Academic challenges faced by students (affects grades)

- Increased workload
- Challenges with classes
- Testing
- Time management
- Transition to independence

#### Personal challenges (affects behavior and attendance)

- Habits/behaviors (being on time, prepared)
- Anxiety
- Future thinking, setting goals
- Relationships
- Peer pressure

### What is a Student Success Coaching Program?



One-on-one check-ins every other month with middle and high school students to review grades, attendance, behavior, and future plans.

### Benefits of 1-on-1 Check-Ins

Personalized attention.

- Increased motivation
- Early identification of issues.
- Building a strong student-coach relationship.
- Accountability
- Improvement in focus areas
  - **Academics** (discuss the link between regular check-ins and improved grades)
  - **Behavior** (coaching helps identify and address behavioral concerns and positively affects the school environment)
  - **Attendance** (coaching programs can reduce absenteeism, increase student engagement and motivation)
  - **Future readiness** (coaching programs help students plan for the future, set goals, explore careers)



**\* All students are served unless parents opt out**

### Challenges and Solutions

Challenges include funding, personnel to organize and lead program, space, furniture, materials, securing volunteers to serve as success coaches

- Solutions include in-kind goods and services by HCPS (space, furniture, access to technology such as copiers, background checks on coaches)
- HCEF will manage the funds (recognize donors, handle payroll)

### Program Evaluation

#### Measuring success

- Number of students who reach 10th grade on time
- Graduation cohort

Approved:

## Implementation Plan

In order to make this initiative a sustainable reality for our students and our community, the plan is to:

- Begin with one middle/high school feeder zone and then grow into the others as resources allow.

Understanding that the journey of 1000 miles begins with one step, the target school at this time is to begin the program:

- East Henderson High School followed closely by Flat Rock Middle School.
- Data for these two schools show that student attendance, achievement, dropouts, and graduation rates are lagging behind peer schools for a variety of reasons.

Knowing that **“one caring adult”** makes a huge difference in the lives of young people, initiating the **Student Success Coaching** model at these two campuses can lead to the most significant positive student outcomes and community benefits.

Members of the mentoring committee, along with Chairman McCall, will visit Rutherford County in the coming week to learn more about the Robert and Janice McNair program that Rutherford County has in place. Fellow Board members have asked that the group ask questions about how the program works, such as the costs to implement and maintain the program and what other NC Counties participate.

## NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Cemetery Advisory Committee – 2 vacs.

*Chairman McCall made the motion to nominate Carroll Warren Scott for reappointment to position #1. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.*

2. Henderson County Board of Health – 1 vac.

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

3. Hendersonville City Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1 vac.

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

4. Home & Community Care Block Grant Advisory – 1 vac.

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

5. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – 2 vacs.

Approved:

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

6. Nursing/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee – 11 vacs.

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

### **COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

Commissioner Andreotta noted that Henderson County's Farm-City Day was Saturday, October 7, at Jackson Park from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He said there would be music, food, and fun for the whole family and encouraged all to attend.

Commissioner Hill did not have any updates to share.

Commissioner Lapsley shared that he recently attended a football game at his College Alma Mater, the University of Wyoming. The Wyoming Cowboys outplayed the Appalachian State Mountaineers with a final score of 22-19.

Chairman McCall noted that October was Breast Cancer Awareness month and directed Staff to light the dome of the Historic Courthouse pink for the remainder of the month.

### **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

John Mitchell said that the Federal Budget has continued through a continuing resolution. Staff was prepared to look after the arms of the Federal Government that are critical here in Henderson County, but it seems there has been a reprieve until mid-November. Staff continues to review the budget bill and understand the full ramifications of that. He said a great deal of state resources is coming, if not to the County itself, at least to the municipalities and entities within the county.

In closing, Mr. Mitchell noted that it was the time of year when the Recreation Department and other county staff were working hard on Halloween preparations.

Commissioner Lapsley noted that Vice-Chair Edney was absent from the meeting; Edney and his family were in the Chicago area for a conference in which his son Jake was a presenter.

*Commissioner Lapsley made the motion that the Board go into closed session pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a)(6), for the reasons set out in the Board's agenda packet. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.*

*Chairman McCall made the motion to go out of closed session and adjourn at 7:55 p.m. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.*

### **ADJOURN**

Approved:

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Denisa A. Lauffer, Clerk to the Board

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Rebecca McCall, Chairman

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Approved: