

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: February 5, 2024

SUBJECT: Baker-Barber Digitization Grant

PRESENTER: Trina Rushing, Library Director

ATTACHMENTS: No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The late Jody Barber donated the Baker-Barber Photograph Collection to the Community Foundation of Henderson County in 1995 and subsequently named the Henderson County Public Library as steward of the collection. The collection consists of 2,875 glass plate negatives, approximately 450 prints and approximately 63,000 photographic negatives.

Over the past 19 years the library has digitized a total of 46,542 images. Of those, 5,667 have been cataloged and made accessible to the public. The remaining 40,875 uncatalogued digitized images have been made available to the public for browsing.

Library staff requests approval to submit a grant proposal to the Community Foundation in the amount of \$29,428 to cover the cost of 2 temporary employees to each work 15 hours per week for 50 weeks to digitize the approximately 20,000 remaining images. Securing this funding will allow us to complete the preservation process of the collection.

No matching funds are required.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Library staff requests the Board approve the submission of a Baker-Barber Digitization Grant in the amount of \$29,428 to the Community Foundation.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board approves submission of a Baker-Barber Digitization Grant in the amount of \$29,428 to the Community Foundation.