REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: July 16, 2025

SUBJECT: Cooperative Agreement with NC Emergency Management

PRESENTER: Jimmy Brissie, Public Safety Director

ATTACHMENTS: (1)   Memorandum of Agreement

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Recently North Carolina Emergency Management launched a disaster debris removal program, commonly referred to as the SMART program. Under this program local jurisdictions may partner with the State for removal of eligible debris, using state authorized contractors and monitors to conduct the work. The State then becomes the eligible applicant for FEMA reimbursement for eligible costs. The County continues to have oversight authority for work completed working alongside NC Emergency Management. Under this model the County will no longer be responsible for payment of work done after the transition date. Any work conducted prior to the transition to the SMART program will still be the financial responsibility of the County and the County will seek FEMA reimbursement.

After considerable discussion with the State and other communities, staff are recommending the Board authorize the County Manager to execute the Debris Removal Cooperative Memorandum of Agreement between the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management at an agreed upon date. If approved, the County will work with NC Emergency Management and our debris contractors to select a date for the appropriate project transition as soon as possible. Any work conducted after that date will be the financial responsibility of the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management.

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Suggested Motion:

I move the Board authorize the County Manager to execute the Debris Removal Cooperative Memorandum of Agreement with North Carolina Division of Emergency Management at an agreed upon date.