

September 2, 2025

MINUTES

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

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.

Present were: Chairman William Lapsley, Vice-Chair J. Michael Edney, Commissioner Rebecca McCall, Commissioner Sheila Franklin, Commissioner Jay Egolf, County Manager John Mitchell, Assistant County Manager Chris Todd, Public Safety Director Jimmy Brissie, Financial Services Director Samantha Reynolds, County Attorney Russ Burrell, and Clerk to the Board Denisa Lauffer.

Also present were: Budget Manager/Internal Auditor Sonya Flynn, Human Resources Director Karen Ensley, Chief Communications Officer Mike Morgan, Planning Director Autumn Radcliff, Code A/V Technician Oscar Guerrero, Sheriff Lowell Griffin, Director of Public Health David Jenkins, Stacy Nash, Fire Marshal Kevin Waldrup, DSS Director Lorie Horne, Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Gilliam, Tax Assessor Kevin Hensley, Capital Projects Manager Bryan Rhodes, Social Media Coordinator Tiffany Lucey, Finance Director Randal Cox, and NC Lead Fellow Abby Buxton. Deputies Matt Covil and Travis Pierce provided security.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Commissioner Lapsley called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

INVOCATION

John Mitchell provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hannah Porter Mitchell with the Barnyard Bandits 4-H Club led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

RESOLUTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Commissioner Egolf read the Resolution aloud and then presented it to Michael Bridges.

2025.142 Resolution of Memoriam – Robert Bridges

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners was requested to adopt a Resolution of Memoriam for Robert Bridges, who passed away on August 4, 2025. Mr. Bridges was a member of the Henderson County Board of Education from 2020 through 2025. He served as a teacher, assistant principal, and guidance counselor during his years with the Henderson County Public School System. Mr. Bridges made many outstanding contributions to the citizens of Henderson County.

RESOLUTION OF MEMORIAM

Robert Bridges

September 29, 1946 – August 4, 2025

WHEREAS, Robert Bridges served the Henderson County community for 30 years in the Henderson County Public School System; and

Approved:

WHEREAS, Mr. Bridges was a teacher at Dana Elementary School and Rugby Middle School. He was a counselor and Assistant Principal of Flat Rock Middle School, and a Guidance Counselor at East Henderson High School. He also worked for Vocational Rehab; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bridges was elected to the Henderson County Board of Education in 2020 and was re-elected to the Board in November 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bridges was a dedicated and fierce advocate for public education through his service to the students, educators, and school communities. He passed on that legacy to all of those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bridges volunteered for several years with Four Seasons Hospice at the Elizabeth House and served in many capacities with his church family at First Baptist Church of Hendersonville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Robert Bridges will be remembered for his outstanding contributions to our community through his service with the Henderson County Public School System, and his commitment and dedication to his volunteer work to the citizens of Henderson County.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Henderson to be affixed.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of September 2025.

Commissioner Egolf made the motion to adopt the Resolution of Memoriam for Robert Bridges. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Item of Appreciation Presented to the Board of Commissioners

Sheriff Griffin presented an item of appreciation to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners for their efforts in commemorating the Ryan Hendrix Memorial Bridge on Highway 64. Deputy Hendrix was killed in the line of duty on September 10, 2020.

2025.143 Resolution of Appreciation – Jimmy Brissie

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners was requested to adopt a Resolution of Appreciation for Jimmie Brissie. Mr. Brissie has been with Henderson County since May 2016. He has served as the Emergency Management/Rescue Coordinator, the Emergency Services Director, and the Public Safety Director during his tenure with Henderson County.

Before the Resolution was presented, “Hero of the Year” awards were given to Mr. Brissie by Tommy Laughter with the Hendersonville Elks Lodge, NC House District 117 Representative Jennifer Balkcom, and Kai Laughter on behalf of Senator Ted Budd’s office.

Commissioner McCall read the Resolution aloud.

Approved:

***RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
JIMMY BRISSIE, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR
HENDERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT***

WHEREAS, Jimmy Brissie, an East Henderson High School graduate, began his service to Henderson County by joining the Rescue Squad at the age of 15, and;

WHEREAS, Jimmy Brissie's certifications include Emergency Medical Technician, Rescue Technician (Qualified Instructor), Hazardous Materials, Firefighter Level 2, Level II General Instructor for the North Carolina Department of Insurance, N.C. Certified Law Enforcement Officer; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Brissie has served as Emergency Management/Rescue Coordinator, Emergency Services Director and Public Safety Director since his tenure with Henderson County began in May 2016 ; and

WHEREAS, the Henderson County Department of Emergency Management and Volunteer Fire Departments are staffed by EMT's, paramedics, firefighters, emergency planners, emergency preparedness coordinators, and other highly trained and skilled personnel; and

WHEREAS, under Jimmy Brissie's leadership, the actions of the men and women of Henderson County's Department of Emergency Management brought comfort to the citizens of this county in its time of need, during the worst natural disaster in the history of Western North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Henderson County's Department of Emergency Management and Volunteer Fire Departments, in particular, demonstrated leadership and selfless dedication to duty during Hurricane Helene; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the citizens and staff of Henderson County, expresses their gratitude and thanks to Jimmy Brissie and the men and women of Henderson County's Emergency Management department. We appreciate and commend you on a job well done.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Henderson to be affixed.

Adopted this the 2nd day of September, 2025.

Commissioner McCall made the motion to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation for Jimmy Brissie. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Approved:

PROCLAMATIONS

2025.144 2025 Constitution Week

September 17, 2025, marks the two hundred and thirty-eighth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention. Henderson County asks our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787.

PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2025 AS CONSTITUTION WEEK

WHEREAS, September 17, 2025 marks the two hundred and thirty-eighth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, Public Law #915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 14 through 20, 2025 as constitution week:

NOW, THEREFORE, Commissioners of Henderson County of the state of North Carolina do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23, 2025 to be Constitution Week in Henderson County and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787.

Adopted this 2nd day of September 2025.

Chairman Lapsley made the motion that the Board adopt the Proclamation designating September 17, 2025, to September 23, 2025, as Constitution Week in Henderson County. And, further moved the Board to approve the placement of a banner in recognition of Constitution Week at the Historic Courthouse from September 17 – 23, 2025. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

2025.145 Proclamation Designating September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

The Department of Public Health requested the Board adopt a proclamation designating September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Henderson County.

A resolution was adopted by the Henderson County Board of Health at their August 18, 2025, meeting to be forwarded to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners for consideration and adoption.

Commissioner Franklin read the Proclamation aloud.

Proclamation Suicide Prevention Awareness Month – September 2024

WHEREAS, suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States, taking more than 49,000 lives annually, and continues to be a growing public health concern across all age groups; and

Approved:

WHEREAS, older men in Henderson County die by suicide at higher rates than any other demographic, and national trends show significant increases in suicide rates among youth, and among Black, Indigenous, and People of Color; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Henderson County Community Health Assessment identified mental health and suicide prevention as top priorities for our community, highlighting the need for upstream prevention and coordinated response; and

WHEREAS, the Henderson County Public Schools and Henderson County Department of Public Health are partnering to implement *Sources of Strength*, a peer-led youth leadership program designed to promote connection, resilience, and help-seeking behavior in our youth; and

WHEREAS, the Henderson County Behavioral Health Coalition works to identify needs and gaps, strengthen collaboration, and improve systems of care within our community; and

WHEREAS, new suicide prevention strategies, including *Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)* training, *Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM)* training, and the community-wide *Safe September* initiative that includes the distribution of gun locks and Narcan, are being implemented to reduce access to lethal means and prevent deaths by suicide;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim September 2025 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Henderson County and encourage all residents to learn the signs, start the conversation, and take action to prevent suicide and support those impacted by suicide loss.

Adopted this 2nd day of September 2025.

Commissioner Franklin made the motion that the Board adopt the Proclamation, designating September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Henderson County. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. **Dwayne Hill** – A North Carolina mowing contractor, expressed concern about a recently passed statute that prohibits mowing in the right-of-way during the time political signs are permitted or during the month of May. He urged the Board to contact the legislature to consider repealing or amending the language in the law.
2. **Connor Brown** – The new field representative for Congressman Chuck Edwards introduced himself to the Board.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Chairman Lapsley added the following items to the agenda:

- **Consent Agenda, Item P – Approval of Stipulation: Etowah Sewer**
- **Discussion Agenda, Item D – Update on Local Agreement between Henderson County and the City of Hendersonville**

Approved:

Chairman Lapsley made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Vice-Chair Edney made the motion to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Item P – Approval of Stipulation– Etowah Sewer. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes were presented for Board review and approval for the following meeting:

August 20, 2025

Motion: I move the Board approve the minutes from August 20, 2025.

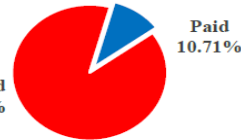
Tax Collector's Report

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

Please find outlined below collections information through August 20, 2025 for 2025 real and personal property bills mailed on July 31, 2025. Vehicles taxes are billed monthly by NC DMV.

Henderson County Annual Bills (Real and Personal Property):

2025 Beginning Charge:	\$101,767,039.17	
Discoveries & Imm.	\$93,712.25	
Releases & Refunds:	(\$14,607.41)	
<u>Net Charge:</u>	<u>\$101,846,144.01</u>	
Unpaid Taxes:	\$90,934,605.83	Unpaid 89.29%
Amount Collected:	\$10,911,538.18	

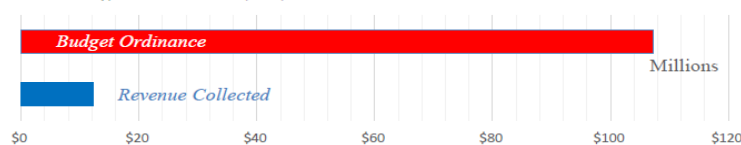


Henderson County Registered Motor Vehicles (As Collected by NC DMV):

Net Charge:	\$1,154,668.28	
Unpaid Taxes:	\$4,191.15	99.64%
Amount Collected:	\$1,150,477.13	

Henderson County FY25 Budget Analysis:

<u>Budget Ordinance</u>	<u>Revenue Collected</u>
Ad Valorem: \$106,227,288.00	Ad Valorem: \$12,062,015.31
Prior Years: \$1,030,500.00	Prior Years: \$175,652.62
Budget Total: \$107,257,788.00	YTD Revenue: \$12,237,667.93



2025.146 Pending Releases and Refunds

The Assessor reviewed the pending releases and refunds. 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.

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

Type:

Amount:

Total Taxes Released from the Charge \$21,007.81

Total Refunds as a Result of the Above Releases \$13,350.92

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

Approved:

County Financial Report/Cash Balance Report – July 2025

The July 2025 County Financial Report and Cash Balance Report were presented for the Board's review and Approval.

The following were explanations for departments/programs with higher budgets to actual percentages for July:

- Dues /Non Profit Contributions – timing of 1st quarter board approved appropriations.
- Administrative Services – timing of payment of board approved expenditures.
- County Assessor - timing of payment of board approved expenditures.
- Information Technology - timing of payment of board approved expenditures.
- Emergency Management - timing of payment of board approved expenditures.
- Rescue Squad – timing of 1st quarter board approved appropriation.
- Heritage Museum – timing of 1st quarter board approved appropriation.
- Cooperative Extension – timing of payment of board approved expenditures.
- Mental Health Services - timing of 1st quarter board approved appropriation.
- Library - timing of payment of board approved expenditures.
- Recreation - timing of payment of board approved expenditures.
- Public Education – payment of 1 of 10 annual appropriations made to public school system.

Year to Date Net Revenues under Expenditures for the Emergency Telephone System Fund is due to timing of receipts and disbursements of approved expenditures in FY26.

Year to Date Net Revenues under Expenditures for the Hurricane Helene Fund is due to timing of expenditures and receipt of FEMA reimbursements in FY26.

Year to Date Net Revenues under Expenditures for the Etowah Community Sewer Fund is due to timing of collection receipts and disbursements of approved expenditures in FY26.

HENDERSON COUNTY FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 2025

GENERAL FUND REVENUES						
	REVISED BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	% USED	ENCUMBRANCES	TOTAL
General Fund	216,014,536.00	3,593,301.54	3,593,301.54	1.7%	-	3,593,301.54
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES						
	REVISED BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	% USED	ENCUMBRANCES	TOTAL
Governing Body	713,432.00	58,591.06	58,591.06	8.21%	-	58,591.06
Dues/Non Profit Contributions	1,327,594.00	281,987.56	281,987.56	21.24%	736,463.00	1,018,450.56
County Manager	412,944.00	25,317.61	25,317.61	6.13%	-	25,317.61
Administrative Services	822,564.00	80,490.91	80,490.91	9.79%	-	80,490.91
Human Resources	1,602,266.00	120,088.11	120,088.11	7.49%	-	120,088.11
Elections	1,502,192.00	59,357.54	59,357.54	3.95%	115,607.84	174,965.38
Finance	1,459,519.00	111,425.48	111,425.48	7.63%	-	111,425.48
County Assessor	2,224,436.00	204,156.31	204,156.31	9.18%	43,145.63	247,301.94
Tax Collector	621,523.00	47,835.91	47,835.91	7.70%	-	47,835.91
Legal	1,153,432.00	92,019.07	92,019.07	7.98%	-	92,019.07
Register of Deeds	749,300.00	49,894.31	49,894.31	6.66%	24,296.00	74,190.31
Facility Services	6,338,247.00	321,770.77	321,770.77	5.08%	555,338.33	877,109.10
Garage	465,069.00	13,998.06	13,998.06	3.01%	-	13,998.06
Court Facilities	153,000.00	2,841.43	2,841.43	1.86%	-	2,841.43
Information Technology	6,634,986.00	924,566.94	924,566.94	13.93%	460,158.42	1,384,725.36
Sheriff Department	26,183,291.00	2,056,086.04	2,056,086.04	7.85%	43,814.94	2,099,900.98
Detention Facility	7,255,267.00	490,948.29	490,948.29	6.77%	515,701.72	1,006,650.01
Emergency Management	2,564,992.00	263,251.10	263,251.10	10.26%	17,890.00	281,141.10
Fire Services	1,271,246.00	57,123.65	57,123.65	4.49%	7,250.00	64,373.65
Building Services	1,933,820.00	148,796.66	148,796.66	7.69%	-	148,796.66
Wellness Clinic	1,551,790.00	111,439.39	111,439.39	7.18%	136,780.04	248,219.43
Emergency Medical Services	14,906,523.00	1,057,622.35	1,057,622.35	7.10%	229,164.93	1,286,787.28
Animal Services	1,006,894.00	70,203.56	70,203.56	6.97%	75,000.00	145,203.56
Rescue Squad	821,888.00	205,347.62	205,347.62	24.98%	-	205,347.62
Forestry Services	131,219.00	-	-	0.00%	-	-
Soil & Water	635,007.00	39,157.57	39,157.57	6.17%	12,850.00	52,007.57
Planning	1,250,274.00	95,030.72	95,030.72	7.60%	110,640.00	205,670.72
Code Enforcement	368,640.00	24,123.01	24,123.01	6.54%	-	24,123.01
Site Development	247,581.00	19,418.61	19,418.61	7.84%	-	19,418.61

Approved:

Heritage Museum	100,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25.00%	75,000.00	100,000.00
Cooperative Extension	794,654.00	69,818.00	69,818.00	8.79%	5,250.00	75,068.00
Project Management	412,211.00	29,646.48	29,646.48	7.19%	-	29,646.48
Economic Development	2,152,642.00	108,500.00	108,500.00	5.04%	325,500.00	434,000.00
Public Health	11,603,338.00	931,455.54	931,455.54	8.03%	337,934.48	1,269,390.02
Environmental Health	2,051,804.00	150,191.64	150,191.64	7.32%	-	150,191.64
H&CC Block Grant	863,502.00	-	-	0.00%	-	-
Medical Services - Autopsies	95,000.00	-	-	0.00%	-	-
Strategic Behavioral Health	506,365.00	25,031.90	25,031.90	4.94%	-	25,031.90
Mental Health Services	528,612.00	132,153.00	132,153.00	25.00%	-	132,153.00
Rural Transportation Assist Program	201,384.00	-	-	0.00%	-	-
Social Services	24,783,501.00	1,851,151.80	1,851,151.80	7.47%	76,993.93	1,928,145.73
Juvenile Justice Programs	346,020.00	4,174.00	4,174.00	1.21%	-	4,174.00
Veterans Services	325,477.00	19,635.03	19,635.03	6.03%	-	19,635.03
Library	4,428,645.00	411,733.42	411,733.42	9.30%	393,095.09	804,828.51
Recreation	3,771,930.00	376,506.14	376,506.14	9.98%	199,450.65	575,956.79
Public Education	43,641,463.00	4,305,812.97	4,305,812.97	9.87%	-	4,305,812.97
Debt Service	24,307,066.00	-	-	0.00%	-	-
Non-Departmental	1,386,736.00	-	-	0.00%	-	-
Interfund Transfers	7,405,250.00	592,104.17	592,104.17	8.00%	-	592,104.17
TOTAL	216,014,536.00	16,065,803.73	16,065,803.73	7.44%	4,497,325.00	20,563,128.73

Net Revenues over (under) Exp. - (12,472,502.19) (12,472,502.19) (16,969,827.19)

APPROPRIATIONS DETAIL						
	REVISED BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	% USED	ENCUMBRANCES	TOTAL
SOCIAL SERVICES						
Staff Operations	20,868,566.00	1,620,104.26	1,620,104.26	7.8%	75,393.93	1,695,498.19
Federal & State Programs	3,814,935.00	228,540.36	228,540.36	6.0%	1,600.00	230,140.36
General Assistance	100,000.00	2,507.18	2,507.18	2.5%	-	2,507.18
TOTAL	24,783,501.00	1,851,151.80	1,851,151.80		76,993.93	1,928,145.73
EDUCATION						
Schools Current/Capital Expense	37,891,463.00	3,826,646.30	3,826,646.30	10.1%	-	3,826,646.30
Blue Ridge Community College	5,750,000.00	479,166.67	479,166.67	8.3%	-	479,166.67
TOTAL	43,641,463.00	4,305,812.97	4,305,812.97		-	4,305,812.97
DEBT SERVICE						
Public Schools	9,440,800.00	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Blue Ridge Community College	3,137,704.00	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Henderson County	11,728,562.00	-	-	0.0%	-	-
TOTAL	24,307,066.00	-	-		-	-
INTERFUND TRANSFERS						
Capital Projects Fund	200,000.00	16,666.67	16,666.67	8.3%	-	16,666.67
HCP5 MRTS	4,603,500.00	383,625.00	383,625.00	8.3%	-	383,625.00
BRCC MRTS	2,301,750.00	191,812.50	191,812.50	8.3%	-	191,812.50
Solid Waste	300,000.00	-	-	0.0%	-	-
TOTAL	7,405,250.00	592,104.17	592,104.17		-	592,104.17

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS						
	REVISED BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	% USED	ENCUMBRANCES	TOTAL
FIRE DISTRICTS FUND						
Revenues:	17,225,114.00	70,391.40	70,391.40	0.4%	-	70,391.40
Expenditures:	17,225,114.00	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Net Revenues over (under) Exp	-	70,391.40	70,391.40		-	70,391.40
REVALUATION RESERVE FUND						
Revenues:	1,477,379.00	140,407.87	140,407.87	9.5%	-	140,407.87
Expenditures:	1,477,379.00	135,646.68	135,646.68	9.2%	7,354.37	143,001.05
Net Revenues over (under) Exp	-	4,761.19	4,761.19		(7,354.37)	(2,593.18)
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM (911) FUND						
Revenues:	302,500.00	3,235.10	3,235.10	1.1%	-	3,235.10
Expenditures:	302,500.00	72,162.11	72,162.11	23.9%	-	72,162.11
Net Revenues over (under) Exp	-	(68,927.01)	(68,927.01)		-	(68,927.01)
PUBLIC TRANSIT FUND						
Revenues:	1,758,861.00	10,569.53	10,569.53	0.6%	-	10,569.53
Expenditures:	1,758,861.00	-	-	0.0%	70,141.07	70,141.07
Net Revenues over (under) Exp	-	10,569.53	10,569.53		(70,141.07)	(59,571.54)
MISC. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES						
Revenues:	954,000.00	31,642.51	31,642.51	3.3%	-	31,642.51
Expenditures:	954,000.00	20,835.50	20,835.50	2.2%	-	20,835.50
Net Revenues over (under) Exp	-	10,807.01	10,807.01		-	10,807.01

Approved:

ARPA FUND

Revenues:	-	103,733.54	103,733.54	0.0%	-	103,733.54
Expenditures:	-	-	-	0.0%	50,000.00	50,000.00
Net Revenues over (under) Exp	-	103,733.54	103,733.54		(50,000.00)	53,733.54

OPIOID FUND

Revenues:	1,047,190.00	30,359.86	30,359.86	2.9%	-	30,359.86
Expenditures:	1,047,190.00	29,591.04	29,591.04	2.8%	-	29,591.04
Net Revenues over (under) Exp	-	768.82	768.82		-	768.82

HURRICANE HELENE

Revenues:	54,727,540.00	2,770,048.35	24,056,436.32	44.0%	-	24,056,436.32
Expenditures:	54,727,540.00	1,914,408.59	26,974,393.87	49.3%	29,559,636.70	56,534,030.57
Net Revenues over (under) Exp	-	855,639.76	(2,917,957.55)		(29,559,636.70)	(32,477,594.25)

CAPITAL PROJECTS

	REVISED BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	PROJECT TO DATE	% USED	ENCUMBRANCES	TOTAL
JUDICIAL CENTER PROJECT (2064)						
Revenues:	12,794,251.00	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Expenditures:	12,794,251.00	10,273.26	7,286,886.68	57.0%	5,485,084.33	12,771,971.01
Net Revenues over (under) Exp	-	(10,273.26)	(7,286,886.68)		(5,485,084.33)	(12,771,971.01)
MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT - SPARTANBURG HWY (2074)						
Revenues:	1,535,432.00	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Expenditures:	1,535,432.00	-	1,194,233.61	77.8%	342,697.93	1,536,931.54
Net Revenues over (under) Exp	-	-	(1,194,233.61)		342,697.93	(1,536,931.54)

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

	REVISED BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	% USED	ENCUMBRANCES	TOTAL
SOLID WASTE LANDFILL FUND						
Revenues:	11,423,039.00	933,056.93	933,056.93	8.2%	-	933,056.93
Expenditures:	11,423,039.00	191,038.36	191,038.36	1.7%	6,978,588.33	7,169,626.69
Net Revenues over (under) Exp	-	742,018.57	742,018.57		(6,978,588.33)	(6,236,569.76)
JUSTICE ACADEMY SEWER FUND						
Revenues:	72,091.00	8,623.66	8,623.66	12.0%	-	8,623.66
Expenditures:	72,091.00	237.32	237.32	0.3%	-	237.32
Net Revenues over (under) Exp	-	8,386.34	8,386.34		-	8,386.34
ETOWAH COMMUNITY SEWER FUND						
Revenues:	403,480.00	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Expenditures:	403,480.00	2,932.91	2,932.91	0.7%	3,360.00	6,292.91
Net Revenues over (under) Exp	-	(2,932.91)	(2,932.91)		(3,360.00)	(6,292.91)

**HENDERSON COUNTY
CASH BALANCE REPORT
JULY 2025**

Fund(s)	06/30/25 Beg. Cash Balance	Debits Revenues	(Credits) Expenditures	07/31/25 Ending Cash Balance
General	\$ 93,243,391.78	\$ 8,886,993.20	\$ (15,716,882.30)	\$ 86,413,502.68
Special Revenue	42,149,046.18	3,967,686.26	(3,623,237.03)	\$ 42,493,495.41
Capital Projects	17,298,811.42	1,577,288.69	(3,750,192.36)	\$ 15,125,907.75
Enterprise	1,372,629.86	1,306,391.99	(1,015,319.42)	\$ 1,663,702.43
HCPS - Maint. and Repair	6,857,554.01	383,625.00	-	\$ 7,241,179.01
BRCC - Maint. and Repair	4,107,167.71	191,812.50	-	\$ 4,298,980.21
Custodial	597,408.12	322,750.79	(345,141.37)	\$ 575,017.54
Total	<u>\$ 165,626,009.08</u>	<u>\$ 16,636,548.43</u>	<u>\$ (24,450,772.48)</u>	
Total cash available as of	7/31/2025			<u>\$ 157,811,785.03</u>

Motion: I move that the Board approve the July 2025 County Financial Report and Cash Balance Report as presented.

Approved:

Henderson County Public Schools Financial Reports – June 2025

The Henderson County Public Schools June 2025 Local Current Expense Fund / Other Restricted Funds Report was presented for the Board's information.

HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE/OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS as of June 30, 2025

	LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND		OTHER RESTRICTED FUND			
REVENUES:	Budget	YTD Activity	Budget	YTD Activity	Combined Total	Prior YTD
3200 State Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,000	\$ 106,739	\$ 106,739	\$ 45,271
3700 Federal Sources-Restricted	-	-	1,705,006	1,255,671	1,255,671	1,260,577
3800 Other Federal-ROTC	-	-	162,000	154,970	154,970	145,879
4100 County Appropriation	35,378,000	35,378,000	-	-	35,378,000	32,878,000
4200 Local - Tuition/Fees	-	-	95,346	95,324	95,324	76,370
4400 Local-Unrestricted	650,000	603,460	151,915	288,083	891,543	1,119,346
4800 Local-Restricted	-	-	1,202,585	1,270,077	1,270,077	1,617,467
4900 Fund Balance Appropriated/Transfer From school	3,573,928	-	402,435	58,210	58,210	61,803
TOTAL FUND REVENUES	\$ 39,601,928	\$ 35,981,460	\$ 3,782,287	\$ 3,229,074	\$ 39,210,534	\$ 37,204,713
EXPENDITURES:						
Instructional Services:						
5100 Regular Instructional Services	\$ 10,508,436	\$ 9,470,320	\$ 1,111,934	\$ 817,819	\$ 10,288,138	\$ 9,378,984
5200 Special Populations Services	1,334,746	1,270,785	814,522	341,783	1,612,547	1,727,205
5300 Alternative Programs and Services	472,566	440,226	430,620	422,800	883,027	480,424
5400 School Leadership Services	3,598,720	3,571,069	11,191	11,972	3,583,041	3,215,439
5500 Co-Curricular Services	1,165,957	1,154,361	60,500	48,048	1,202,408	1,334,790
5800 School-Based Support Services	2,186,495	2,160,940	158,151	14,716	2,175,656	1,809,099
Total Instructional Services	\$ 19,266,920	\$ 18,067,680	\$ 2,586,917	\$ 1,657,138	\$ 19,724,818	\$ 17,945,940
System-Wide Support Services:						
6100 Support and Development Services	\$ 501,045	\$ 489,771	\$ 16,500	\$ 39,876	\$ 529,647	\$ 331,970
6200 Special Population Support	90,379	85,163	30,409	19,882	105,046	288,907
6300 Alternative Programs	138,792	133,119	431	431	133,550	127,141
6400 Technology Support Services	1,320,441	1,297,553	69,139	63,080	1,360,633	1,400,372
6500 Operational Support Services	11,015,017	9,538,925	559,302	509,220	10,048,145	10,057,352
6600 Financial and Human Resource Services	2,592,894	2,530,391	215,252	114,404	2,644,796	2,230,593
6700 Accountability Services	214,261	204,838	1,200	1,200	206,038	115,193
6800 System-Wide Pupil Support Services	422,803	410,164	538	538	410,702	443,970
6900 Policy, Leadership and Public Relations	757,913	698,988	14,420	4,059	703,048	735,784
Total System-Wide Support Services	\$ 17,053,545	\$ 15,388,912	\$ 907,191	\$ 752,691	\$ 16,141,603	\$ 15,731,282
Ancillary Services:						
7100 Community Services	\$ 276,388	\$ 275,952	\$ 177,881	\$ 171,400	\$ 447,352	\$ 163,286
7200 Nutrition Services	269,327	257,920	6,323	6,323	264,243	278,814
Total Ancillary Services	\$ 545,714	\$ 533,872	\$ 184,204	\$ 177,723	\$ 711,595	\$ 442,100
Non-Programmed Charges:						
8100 Payments to Other Governments	\$ 2,735,750	\$ 2,672,966	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,672,966	\$ 2,277,139
8400 Interfund Transfers	-	-	48,713	41,372	41,372	826,201
8500 Contingency	-	-	16,727	-	-	-
8600 Educational Foundations	-	-	\$38,535.00	\$26,651.97	26,652	35,476
Total Non-Programmed Charges	\$ 2,735,750	\$ 2,672,966	\$ 103,975	\$ 68,024	\$ 2,740,990	\$ 3,138,816
TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$ 39,601,928	\$ 36,663,430	\$ 3,782,287	\$ 2,655,576	\$ 39,319,006	\$ 37,258,139

HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAPITAL OUTLAY as of June 30, 2025

REVENUES:	Budget	YTD Activity	Balance	Prior Year
3400 State Allocations	\$ 204,309	\$ 204,309	\$ -	\$ 185,284
3700 Federal Sources-Restricted	500,000	-	500,000	-
4100 County Appropriation	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	1,500,000
4400 Local-Unrestricted	7,100,000	2,500	7,097,500	133,922
4800 Lease Purchases/Insurance Settlement	2,414,134	1,367,190	1,046,944	558,341
4900 Fund Balance Appropriated/Transfers In	1,067,819	-	1,067,819	-
Total Fund Revenues	\$ 12,286,262	\$ 2,573,999	\$ 9,712,263	\$ 2,377,547

Approved:

EXPENDITURES:

	Budget	YTD Activity	Balance	Prior Year
5100 Regular Instructional Services-Equipment	\$ 920,100	\$ 2,927	\$ 917,173	\$ 169,844
6400 Technology Support Services			-	-
6500 Operational Support Services	1,291,376	244,911	1,046,465	666,771
7200 Nutrition Services			-	-
8100 Payments to Other Governments		(28,648)	28,648	(11,534)
8300 Debt Service	204,309	204,309	-	185,284
9000 Capital Outlay-Land/Buildings	9,870,477	1,580,609	8,289,868	887,788
Total Fund Expenditures	\$ 12,286,262	\$ 2,004,108	\$ 10,282,154	\$ 1,898,154

Motion: I move that the Board of Commissioners approve the Henderson County Public Schools June 2025 Financial Reports as presented.

Henderson County Public Schools Financial Reports – July 2025

The Henderson County Public Schools July 2025 Local Current Expense Fund / Other Restricted Funds Report was presented for the Board's information.

**HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE/OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS
as of July 31, 2025**

	LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND	OTHER RESTRICTED FUND		
REVENUES:	YTD Activity	YTD Activity	Combined Total	Prior YTD
3200 State Sources	\$ -	\$ 10,411	\$ 10,411	\$ -
3700 Federal Sources-Restricted	-	5,333	5,333	21,039
3800 Other Federal-ROTC	-	-	-	-
4100 County Appropriation	3,614,146	-	3,614,146	3,537,800
4200 Local -Tuition/Fees	-	1,290	1,290	-
4400 Local-Unrestricted	-	2,998	2,998	49,222
4800 Local-Restricted	-	-	-	25,986
4900 Fund Balance Appropriated/Transfer From school	-	-	-	1,863
TOTAL FUND REVENUES	\$ 3,614,146	\$ 20,032	\$ 3,634,178	\$ 3,635,911

EXPENDITURES:

	YTD Activity	YTD Activity	Combined Total	Prior YTD
Instructional Services:				
5100 Regular Instructional Services	\$ 228,884	\$ 19,921	\$ 248,805	\$ 75,928
5200 Special Populations Services	1,171	68,180	69,351	14,085
5300 Alternative Programs and Services	5,863	11,046	16,909	90,800
5400 School Leadership Services	220,119	350	220,470	172,140
5500 Co-Curricular Services	23,551	17,791	41,342	7,962
5800 School-Based Support Services	104,622	370	104,992	59,457
Total Instructional Services	\$ 584,211	\$ 117,658	\$ 701,868	\$ 420,372

Approved:

HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE/OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS
as of July 31, 2025

	LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND	OTHER RESTRICTED FUND		
REVENUES:	YTD Activity	YTD Activity	Combined Total	Prior YTD
3200 State Sources	\$ -	\$ 10,411	\$ 10,411	\$ -
3700 Federal Sources-Restricted	-	5,333	5,333	21,039
3800 Other Federal-ROTC	-	-	-	-
4100 County Appropriation	3,614,146	-	3,614,146	3,537,800
4200 Local -Tuition/Fees	-	1,290	1,290	-
4400 Local-Unrestricted	-	2,998	2,998	49,222
4800 Local-Restricted	-	-	-	25,986
4900 Fund Balance Appropriated/Transfer From school	-	-	-	1,863
TOTAL FUND REVENUES	\$ 3,614,146	\$ 20,032	\$ 3,634,178	\$ 3,635,911

EXPENDITURES:

Instructional Services:	YTD Activity	YTD Activity	Combined Total	Prior YTD
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5300 Alternative Programs and Services	5,863	11,046	16,909	90,800
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5500 Co-Curricular Services	23,551	17,791	41,342	7,962
5800 School-Based Support Services	104,622	370	104,992	59,457
Total Instructional Services	\$ 584,211	\$ 117,658	\$ 701,868	\$ 420,372
System-Wide Support Services:				
6100 Support and Development Services	\$ 43,490	\$ 587	\$ 44,076	\$ 35,578
6200 Special Population Support	7,568	622	8,190	22,864
6300 Alternative Programs	10,257	-	10,257	9,876
6400 Technology Support Services	186,183	3,642	189,825	144,769
6500 Operational Support Services	724,161	12,534	736,695	603,126
6600 Financial and Human Resource Services	1,755,311	58,562	1,813,873	51,621
6700 Accountability Services	16,309	1,400	17,709	14,916
6800 System-Wide Pupil Support Services	31,483	-	31,483	42,090
6900 Policy, Leadership and Public Relations	79,018	9,990	89,008	70,164
Total System-Wide Support Services	\$ 2,853,780	\$ 87,337	\$ 2,941,117	\$ 995,004
Ancillary Services:				
7100 Community Services	\$ -	\$ 15,176	\$ 15,176	\$ 15,113
7200 Nutrition Services	-	-	-	-
Total Ancillary Services	\$ -	\$ 15,176	\$ 15,176	\$ 15,113
Non-Programmed Charges:				
8100 Payments to Other Governmental Units	\$ -	\$ 2,280	\$ -	\$ -
8600 Educational Foundations	-	-	-	-
Total Non-Programmed Charges	\$ -	\$ 2,280	\$ -	\$ -

System-Wide Support Services:

6100 Support and Development Services	\$ 43,490	\$ 587	\$ 44,076	\$ 35,578
6200 Special Population Support	7,568	622	8,190	22,864
6300 Alternative Programs	10,257	-	10,257	9,876
6400 Technology Support Services	186,183	3,642	189,825	144,769
6500 Operational Support Services	724,161	12,534	736,695	603,126
6600 Financial and Human Resource Services	1,755,311	58,562	1,813,873	51,621
6700 Accountability Services	16,309	1,400	17,709	14,916
6800 System-Wide Pupil Support Services	31,483	-	31,483	42,090
6900 Policy, Leadership and Public Relations	79,018	9,990	89,008	70,164
Total System-Wide Support Services	\$ 2,853,780	\$ 87,337	\$ 2,941,117	\$ 995,004

Approved:

Ancillary Services:				
7100 Community Services	\$ -	\$ 15,176	\$ 15,176	\$ 15,11
7200 Nutrition Services			-	-
Total Ancillary Services	\$ -	\$ 15,176	\$ 15,176	\$ 15,11
Non-Programmed Charges:				
8100 Payments to Other Governmental Units	\$ -	\$ 2,280	\$ -	\$ -
8600 Educational Foundations	-	-	-	-
Total Non-Programmed Charges	\$ -	\$ 2,280	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,437,991	\$ 222,450	\$ 3,658,161	\$ 1,430,48

Motion: I move that the Board of Commissioners approve the Henderson County Public Schools July 2025 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."

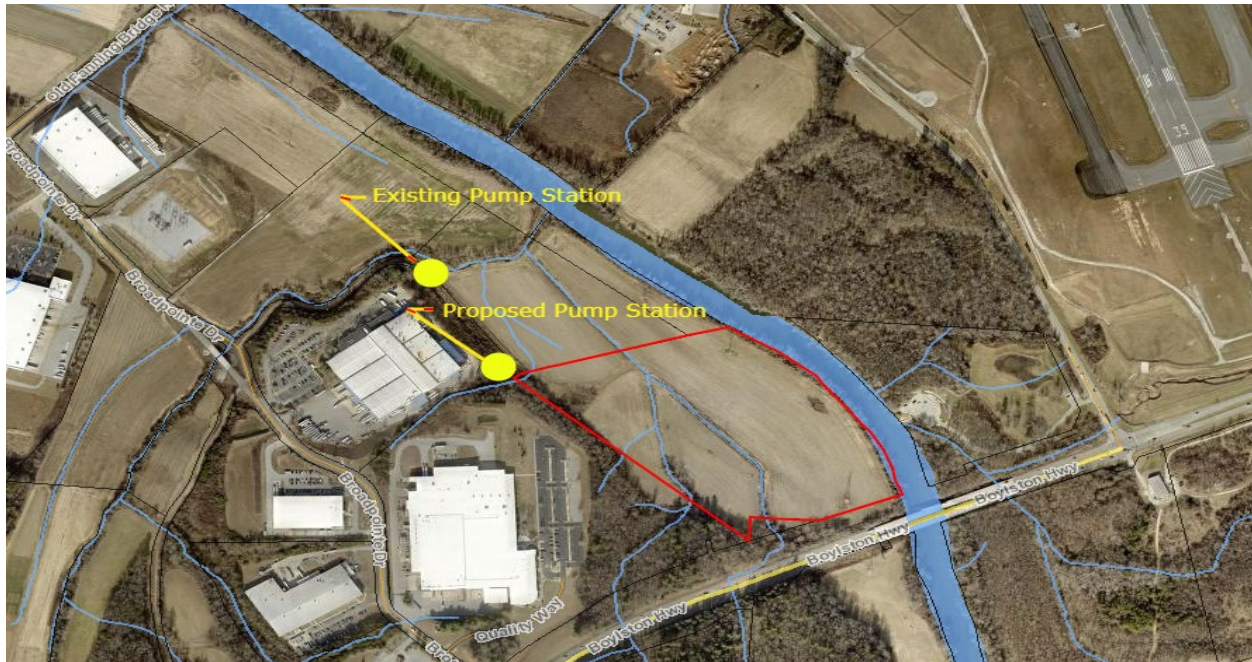
1. Cemetery Advisory Committee – 4 vacs.
Seats #1, 2, 3, & 4 - Regular
2. Fletcher Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1 vac.
Seat #1 – Reside in the Fletcher ETJ
3. Jury Commission – 1 vac.
Seat #1 – Regular
4. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – 1 vac.
Seat #22 – At Large
5. Library Board of Trustees – 1 vac.
Seat #3 – At Large
6. Nursing/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee – 2 vacs.
Seats #14 & 17 - Regular

2025.147 Sewer Easement Requests – Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County

On July 8, 2025, Municipal Sewage District of Buncombe County (MSD) requested an easement on county-owned property for the relocation of their pump station. The property is located adjacent to and east of the Broadpointe Industrial Park with PIN 9642471366. The easement requested will accommodate a forcemain from the proposed pump station. Per MSD, "The existing pump station is undersized for the current and future service area and requires replacement." The vicinity map shows the County's parcel outlined in red and the locations of the existing and proposed pump stations.

The proposed easement agreement was presented for the Board's consideration, including a plat and the applicable portion of the project's plan with the pump station layout and forcemain to be located on the County's parcel.

Approved:



Motion: I move the Board approve the Municipal Sewage District of Buncombe County's proposed easement agreement for an easement on the County's property with PIN 9642471366.

2025.148 Surplus and Donation – Stryker Stretchers

A resolution was presented for the Board's consideration declaring two (2) Stryker Stretchers no longer used by Henderson County Emergency Medical Services as surplus property and the donation of the stretchers to the Henderson County Rescue Squad as allowed by N.C.G.S. 160A-280 to be used for patient care.

Motion: I move that the Board approve a resolution declaring the Stretchers(s) presented as a surplus and authorizes the donation to the Henderson County Rescue Squad as allowed by N.C.G.S. 160A-280.

2025.149 Loan Agreement and Promissory Note – State Cashflow Loan for Disaster Response Activities – Round 3

The North Carolina State Treasurer is authorized via the North Carolina Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 – Part II (Session Law 2024-53, Session Law 2024-57) to administer a State Cashflow Loan Program for Disaster Response Activities. State Cashflow Loans are issued to local governments located in the counties included in any Hurricane Helene federal major disaster declaration.

Henderson County is eligible for a Third Round of State Cashflow Loan for \$5,276,144.22. Session Law 2024-53 Section 4E.5(a) provides that loan proceeds shall be used for disaster response activities only.

The Board was requested to approve a resolution and budget amendment for the loan agreement and authorize staff to execute the promissory note to accept the State Cashflow Loan in the amount of \$5,276,144.22.

Approved:

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

2025.150 Set Public Hearing to Close an Unopened 40-Foot Right-of-Way

Planning and Property Addressing staff have received the attached petition to close a 40-foot unopened right-of-way. Under North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) 153A-241, counties have the power to close any public road or easement not within a city, except public roads or easements for public roads under control of the Department of Transportation. To close any road, the Board must:

- Vote to adopt a resolution declaring its intent to close the public road or easement.
- Call and notice a public hearing on closing the road or easement, with notice “reasonably calculated to give full and fair disclosure of the proposed closing to be published once a week for three successive weeks before the hearing, a copy of the resolution to be sent by registered or certified mail to each owner as shown on the county tax records of property adjoining the public road or easement who did not join in the request to have the road or easement closed, and a notice of the closing and public hearing to be prominently posted in at least two places along the road or easement”.
- Hold the public hearing, where the Board must “hear all interested persons who appear with respect to whether the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or to any individual property rights”.
- Then, if the Board “is satisfied that closing the public road or easement is not contrary to the public interest and (in the case of a road) that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property, the Board may adopt an order closing the road or easement.”
- File a copy of the Board’s order with the Register of Deeds.

Motion: I move that the Board approve the proposed resolution and set the public hearing for September 17, 2025, at 9:30 am.

2025.151 Budget Amendment – Payment in Lieu of Taxes

In previous fiscal years, the Board has approved transfers of revenues received as payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) to Mills River and Gerton Fire Departments. The Board is requested to approve a transfer in FY2026 for anticipated PILT receipts in the General Fund to the Fire Districts Fund, as follows:

- \$50,000 to Mills River Fire Department
- \$10,000 to Gerton Fire Department

Motion: I move that the Board approve the budget amendment as presented.

2025.152 Grant Award – Community Care of North Carolina

The Henderson County Public Health Department received notification of receipt of grant funding from Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC). The 2025 Bringing Value Home Innovation Funding of \$15,316.26 is to assist CCNC’s practice in identifying and executing plans that support their charitable mission to build and support enhanced community-based health care delivery.

Approved:

This grant was approved for acceptance by the Henderson County Board of Health at their August 18, 2025, meeting to be forwarded to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners for consideration and final approval.

Motion: I move the Board approve acceptance of the Community Care of NC - 2025, Bringing Value Home Innovation Funding, and the related budget amendment.

Grant Award– North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office received notification of a grant award from the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police (NCACP). The grant is from their Performance and Wellness Grant Program for \$32,766.24.

The funding will be used to fund a personnel management system within the Sheriff's Office.

Motion: I move the Board authorize the execution of the performance agreement for the Performance and Wellness Grant.

2025.153 Service Contract – Etowah Sewer

On June 2, 2025, the Board approved the selection of WithersRavenel, Inc. (WR) to perform services utilizing the Asset Inventory and Assessment (AIA) Grant for the Etowah Sewer System. Staff have negotiated the proposed service agreement with WR for \$177,000.

On August 20, 2025, the Board approved a resolution for AIA Grant Acceptance. The \$150,000 funding from this grant, along with \$27,000 from the Etowah Sewer System budget, will cover the cost of this contract.

Motion: I move the Board authorize the County Engineer to execute the proposed agreement with WithersRavenel, INC for \$177,000

2025.154 Approval of Stipulation – Etowah Sewer (Add-on)

Counsel has completed negotiation of a proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulation in the Etowah Sewer Company matter before the North Carolina Utilities Commission. In the interest of caution, specific authority for execution before filing with the Utilities Commission on behalf of the County was requested.

Motion: I move that the Board approve the proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, and authorize and direct legal counsel to execute the same on behalf of the County.

Vice-Chair Edney made the motion to adopt the consent agenda, with the additional item that was added, Approval of Stipulation – Etowah Sewer. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairman Lapsley made a motion to go into the public hearing. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Approved:

2025.155 Public Hearing – Approval of Refunding Health Sciences Center

A public hearing has been scheduled for September 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the above matter. Notice was published on the Henderson County website on August 26, 2025.

The Board gave notice that this hearing would be held as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. This public hearing will be conducted concerning the approval of the execution and delivery of the an installment financing contract in an amount not to exceed \$110,000,000 (the “*Contract*”) to (a) finance the renovation and expansion of the County’s existing detention facility as part of a County judicial center (the “*New Money Project*”), and (b) refinance all or a portion of the County’s outstanding installment payment obligations related to an Installment Financing Contract, dated as of August 15, 2015, with the Henderson County Governmental Financing Corporation, the proceeds of which were used to finance the acquisition, construction, and equipping of a health sciences center (the “*Health Sciences Center*” and together with the New Money Project, the “*2025 Projects*”).

Public Input: There was none.

Chairman Lapsley made a motion to close the public hearing. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Chairman Lapsley, seconded by Vice-Chair Edney, made the motion to approve the resolution entitled “Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Henderson, North Carolina, approving the Financing Contract and Delivery thereof”. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION

A. Hickory Nut Gorge Update

Autumn Radcliff and Christopher Todd provided the Board with the most current information on the Hickory Nut Gorge Community Partners Group and recovery plan.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Overview</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board hired Equinox to assist in drafting the recovery plan The Board formed a citizen advisory group to help guide the plan: HNG Group The plan is meant to look at long range recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure NCDOT understands community sentiment and incorporates that as much as possible Plan for the future of buyout properties Increase resiliency for better preparedness
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Approved:

A community meeting was held on August 19 at Bat Cave Baptist Church. While 108 residents signed in, Ms. Radcliff noted that actual attendance was higher.

The preliminary results from the community survey were highlighted.

Survey Highlights

- 20% response rate
 - The comp plan was only 6%
- Over-representation from folks over the age of 60 (58% vs. 39% actual)
- Survey closed today to allow enough time for analysis
- Over 70% of participants responded to the open-ended questions



Process is Ongoing

- Equinox will analyze survey results and feedback from the public meeting
- Meeting planned this fall for the community to review draft recommendations
- The draft plan review by the HNG Group and Planning Board
- Public hearing at BOC meeting

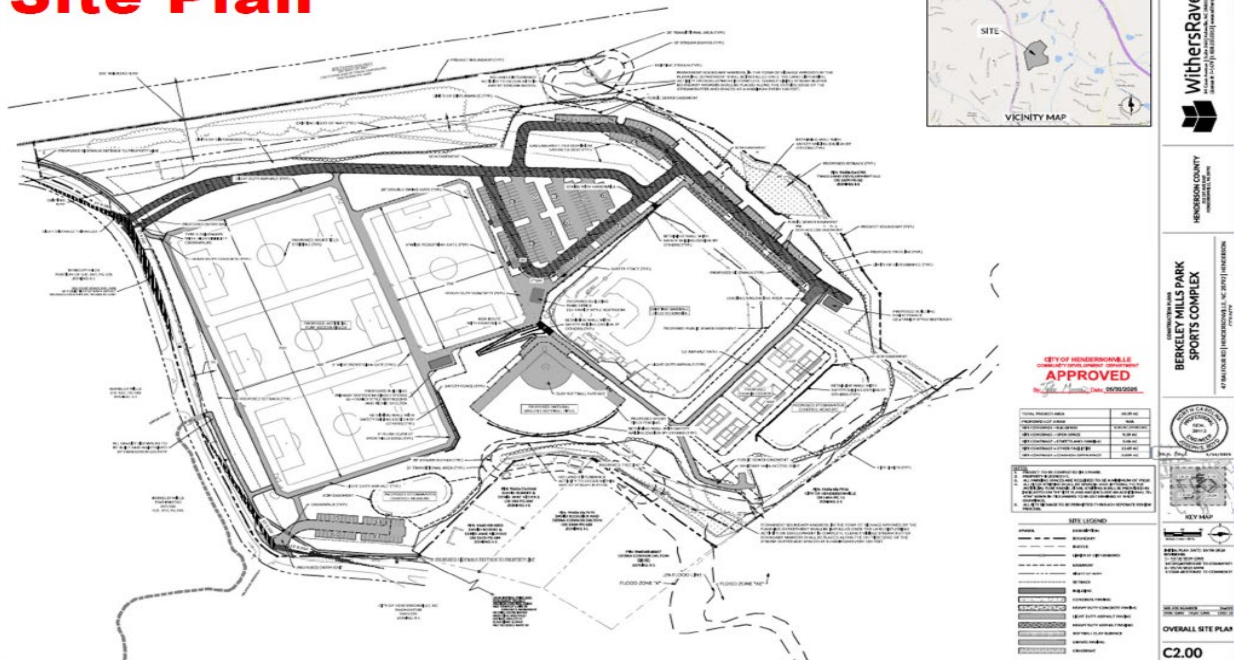
B. Berkeley Sports Complex Update

Bryan Rhodes and Christopher Todd provided the Board with the most current information pertaining to the Berkeley Park Sports Complex capital project.



Approved:

Site Plan

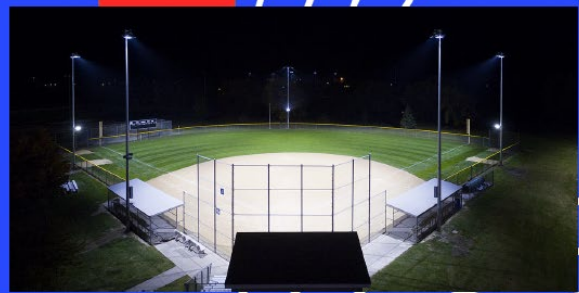


The retaining wall behind the softball field has been completed.



Field Lighting

- All light bases have been ordered. Expected delivery September 29th
- Site electrical plan is being finalized by electrical engineer
- Once electrical plan is finished RFP will be released for installation of bases and underground infrastructure



Approved:

Grant Funding

- ❖ PARTF Grant was not awarded for this project
- ❖ Staff is preparing a grant application for North Carolina EDA. Potential award of up to \$1M
- ❖ Staff has prepared and submitted an application to the USTA for a tennis facilities grant. Potential award of up to \$200k
- ❖ Staff has submitted an application to the U.S. Soccer Foundation in conjunction with Musco Inc. for a grant to fund field lighting for the four soccer fields. Potential award of up to \$1M

C. 2025.156 East Flat Rock Accessibility Grant Award

Henderson County received a grant for \$498,513 from the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund for the Accessible Parks Project for East Flat Rock Park.

The grant has a match requirement of \$99,703.

Chairman Lapsley made the motion to approve the budget amendment. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

D. Local Agreement between Henderson County and the City of Hendersonville (Add on)

Chairman Lapsley reviewed the history of water and sewer issues in the unincorporated areas of the county and summarized recent legislative and interlocal agreement actions. He highlighted the introduction and progression of Senate Bill 69, the approval of an interlocal agreement on June 16, and subsequent discussions with state representatives. He noted concerns regarding the bill's status in the General Assembly, advised holding off on appointments to the proposed Joint Water and Sewer Commission, and urged the Board to await further direction before taking action.

After discussion, the Board agreed to postpone making appointments to the Commission.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Hendersonville City Zoning Board of Adjustment – 2 vacs.

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

2. Hickory Nut Gorge Community Partners Group – 1 vac.

Chairman Lapsley made the motion to nominate Paul Brock for appointment to Seat #5. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Approved:

3. Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee – 1 vac.

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

4. Joint Water and Sewer Commission – 5 vacs.

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

5. Laurel Park Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1 vac.

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

Vice-Chair Edney noted that the recent Apple Festival was a great success. He commended event organizers and thanked everyone involved, specifically recognizing John and Pat Shepherd for their many years of dedication to the festival.

Commissioners Franklin and McCall reported on attending the recent NCACC Commissioners Conference in Pitt County. Commissioner Franklin described it as a great event, and Commissioner McCall highlighted the annual dinner sponsored by the NC Cooperative Extension, noting that this year's was especially well done.

Ms. McCall thanked Jason Davis and North Mills River Farms on behalf of the Board for providing the tractor and trailer used by the Commissioners during the recent King Apple Parade.

Commissioner Egolf reported that the State of North Carolina had recently released its tourism report. Despite the challenges posed by the largest natural disaster in the state's history, Henderson County recorded positive numbers for the year. He commended Tourism Director Michell Owens and Tourism Development Advisory Board Chair Richard Rhodes for their efforts in promoting the county.

Chairman Lapsley did not have any updates to add.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

John Mitchell provided a brief report on upcoming events, including the September 11 ceremony to be held at 9:00 a.m. in the courtyard of the Historic Courthouse. The event honors first responders and those who lost their lives on that day. He also announced that details regarding how the county will mark the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Helene would be presented at the Board's next meeting on September 17.

Motion: Vice-Chair Edney made the motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)(3)(5). All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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Approved:

Denisa A. Lauffer, Clerk to the Board

William G. Lapsley, Chairman

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Approved: