

October 15, 2025

MINUTES

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025**

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

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: County Engineer Marcus Jones, Budget Manager/Internal Auditor Sonya Flynn, Human Resources Director Karen Ensley, Chief Communications Officer Mike Morgan, A/V Technician Oscar Guerrero, Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Gilliam, Social Services Director Lorie Horne, Deputy DSS Director Debbie Dunn, Administrative Officer III Melissa Novak, Code Enforcement Director Matt Champion, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Jason Kilgore, Capital Projects Manager Bryan Rhodes, Grants Administrator Emily Kanipe, Media Coordinator Tiffany Lucey, Finance Director Randal Cox, Special Projects Coordinator Nora Jsue, and NC Lead Fellow Abby Buxton. Deputy Chris Stepp provided security

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

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

INVOCATION

John Mitchell provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Jay Egolf led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

RESOLUTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

2025.173 Resolution of Appreciation – Bill Moss

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners was requested to adopt a Resolution of Appreciation for Bill Moss, founder, editor, and publisher of the Hendersonville Lightning, to recognize his many years of recording and reporting the functions and decisions of local government.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

BILL MOSS, FOUNDER, EDITOR, AND PUBLISHER OF THE HENDERSONVILLE LIGHTNING

WHEREAS, Bill Moss, a native of North Carolina, is a 1976 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a journalism degree; and,

WHEREAS, Bill Moss has worked as a reporter, political writer, editor, and manager serving various newspapers in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Florida; and,

WHEREAS, Bill Moss served over 12 years as the accomplished Executive Editor of the Hendersonville Times News; and,

Approved:

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2012, Bill Moss launched the award-winning *Hendersonville Lightning*, with the assistance of local investors, covering local news in Henderson County, including government, politics, business, and sports; and

WHEREAS, Bill Moss has dutifully informed the citizens of Henderson County of county government news while establishing a regular presence at Henderson County Board of Commissioner meetings and events; and

WHEREAS, Bill Moss and his wife, Elizabeth, have been dedicated community members for over 27 years and are eager to join their children and grandchildren in Idaho.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners do hereby express their gratitude and appreciation to Bill Moss as a local government reporter, editor, publisher, and local business owner in Henderson County. We will miss Bill and wish him and Elizabeth much happiness in their future endeavors.

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

Adopted this, the 15th day of October 2025.

Chairman Lapsley made the motion to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation for Bill Moss, founder, editor, and publisher of the Hendersonville Lightning. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Clifford Meek spoke about the lack of adequate infrastructure and buildings of significant size for local civic clubs or organizations available to rent for special events.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Vice-Chair Edney added an additional item to the Closed Session for property acquisition to the agenda.

1. *N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-318.11(a)(5) to establish or to instruct staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract;*

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

Chairman Lapsley made the motion to approve the consent agenda. 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:

October 6, 2025

Approved:

Motion: I move the Board approve the minutes from October 6, 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 October 1, 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:	\$103,834,775.89
Discoveries & Imm.	\$163,844.45
Releases & Refunds:	(\$23,228.56)
Net Charge:	\$103,975,391.78
Unpaid Taxes:	\$79,973,811.25
Amount Collected:	\$24,001,580.53



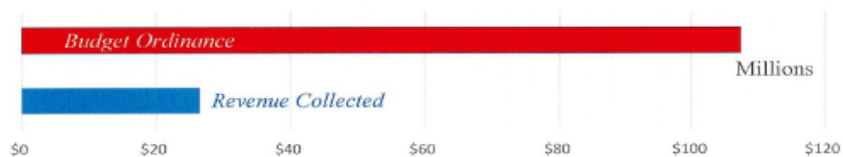
Henderson County Registered Motor Vehicles (As Collected by NC DMV):

Net Charge:	\$2,137,729.21
Unpaid Taxes:	\$8,764.87
Amount Collected:	\$2,128,964.34

99.59%

Henderson County FY25 Budget Analysis:

	<u>Budget Ordinance</u>	<u>Revenue Collected</u>
Ad Valorem:	\$106,227,288.00	\$26,130,544.87
Prior Years:	\$1,030,500.00	\$263,400.19
Budget Total:	\$107,257,788.00	YTD Revenue: \$26,393,945.06



2025.174 Budget Amendment – Transfer Insurance Proceeds for HCSO

The Board was requested to approve the transfer of insurance proceeds from the Hurricane Helene fund to the General Fund for the repair and replacement of County equipment damaged by Hurricane Helene, including purchase, installation, and any related service plans needed to restore operations.

Motion: I move that the Board approve the budget amendment as presented, authorizing the transfer of insurance proceeds from the Hurricane Helene Fund to the General Fund.

2025.175 Reimbursement Resolution – Etowah Sewer Funding

A proposed reimbursement resolution was provided for the Board's consideration. The purpose of a reimbursement resolution is to allow construction project and planning costs incurred prior to the closing of the financing to be reimbursed from the financing proceeds.

NOTE: The “not to exceed” figures in the resolution is **not** intended to accurately state the project costs, but rather to act as a safe harbor number for the purpose of these resolutions only.

Motion: I move that the Board approve the reimbursement resolution for the Etowah Sewer System.

2025.176 American Rescue Plan – Proposed Plan Revisions

After completion and reconciliation of several ARPA projects, savings of \$91,124.68 have been

Approved:

identified in previously obligated ARPA funds for the Fletcher EMS Project. In accordance with the Final Rule Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), Section 17.19 for SLFRF funds, Henderson County is allowed to reclassify SLFRF funds from the original activity to another project that would be eligible under program rules.

A proposed plan revision to reclassify the \$91,124.68 in savings to the Recreation Sports Complex Project, as allowed under SLFRF Final Rule FAQ 17.19 was provided for the Board's review and approval.

Motion: I move that the Board approve the classification of \$91,124.68 of ARPA funds to the Recreation Sports Complex project as presented.

2025.177 Lease Agreement - Henderson County Hospital Corporation

On behalf of the Henderson County Hospital Corporation, Henderson County intends to secure installment financing for the construction of a medical office building on Spartanburg Highway. The debt service from that installment financing is intended to be funded by rent payments made by Henderson County Hospital Corporation to Henderson County. The proposed lease is in draft form and will be completed once the financing is complete and actual debt service amounts are known.

Motion: I move the Board confirm intent of entering into a lease agreement consistent with the draft provided once final debt service amounts are known.

2025.178 Resolution Appointing Plat Review Officers

N.C. Gen. Stat. §47-30.2 requires that all plat review officers be appointed by a resolution recorded in the Register of Deeds office. Plat review officers ensure that all plats to be recorded comply with the plat requirements set out in the General Statutes.

On September 17, 1997, this Board first adopted a plat review officer resolution, and it has been revised several times since its adoption. This resolution also sets out certain other procedures that all plat review officers must follow.

Due to staff changes, the board was requested to update the list of those appointed as plat review officers. The proposed resolution restates all county employees currently appointed as plat review officers, with any former county employees removed, and new employees from the Planning Department and/or Land Records.

Motion: I move that the Board adopt the resolution presented updating plat review officers for Henderson County.

Draft Solicitation of Sponsorship for Henderson County Sports Complex

Henderson County Capital Projects Department, in collaboration with Parks and Recreation Department, requested consideration from the Henderson County Board of Commissioners to solicit private donations for the Henderson County Sports Complex.

Approved:

The draft sponsorship program will provide a guide for community members, local businesses, and funders interested in financially supporting the Henderson County Sports Complex. Any amounts raised will fund amenities and additional facilities, including restrooms.

The Henderson County Education Foundation has graciously agreed to provide a platform to receive donations.

2025.179 Grant Project Resolution – NC Department of Environmental Quality

Henderson County is pursuing grant funding for the design of the Etowah Sewer System. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) Division of Water Infrastructure requires a resolution for their State Revolving Fund- Helene grant application. Any grant funding awarded by NCDEQ, up to \$5,000,000, will be used to advertise and contract for the design of the Etowah Sewer System.

More information will be presented to the Board before any contracts are executed. The Grants Administrator intends to submit this application before the selection meeting of the State Water Infrastructure Authority in November.

Motion: I move that the Board adopt the grant project resolution required for the Division of Water Infrastructure SRF-Helene grant application to fund the design of the Etowah Sewer System.

2025.180 Budget Amendment – Library Fund Balance Appropriated

Staff requested that the Board approve a budget amendment appropriating \$13,956 from the Restricted Fund Balance for Library Donations to reimburse the Library for the costs of the wrap and charging receptacle for the Mobile Library, outreach supplies, and meeting room chairs. No county dollars are being used for this project.

Motion: I move the Board approve the budget amendment to appropriate fund balance as presented.

Architect Selection – Henderson County Schools Public Bus Garage

The Board was requested to approve the RFQ selection of LS3P Architects and authorize staff to proceed with negotiations and the procurement of architectural and engineering services for the Henderson County Public Schools Bus Garage.

The Statements of Qualifications received were from Morris Berg, TAB Associates, McMillan Pazdan Smith, Clark Nexsen, Peacock Architects, and LS3P.

Motion: I move the Board approve the selection of LS3P as the Architect of Record for the Henderson County Public Schools Bus Garage Advanced Planning and Design, and direct Staff to negotiate an agreement.

2025.181 Budget Amendment – MRTS

The Board was requested to approve a budget amendment appropriating fund balance from Maintenance, Repair, Technology, and Security (MRTS) for both the Henderson County Public Schools and Blue Ridge Community College. This budget amendment will appropriate funds sufficient for FY26 projects and projects that were budgeted in FY25 but not completed by the

Approved:

close of the fiscal year.

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

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

DISCUSSION

2025.182 Conditional Rezoning Application #R-2025-05-CD, Baystone Glen

Chairman Lapsley remains recused as he was previously recused from the discussion and vote on this item at an earlier meeting.

On August 20, 2025, the Board of Commissioners held a public hearing for Rezoning Application #R-2025-05-CD, which requested that the County conditionally rezone approximately 67.84 acres of land from Community Commercial (CC) and Residential One (R1) to a Conditional District (CD-2025-05). Following the public hearing and discussion by the Board, certain conditions and requests were made of the applicant. The applicant and the applicant's attorney requested that the item be tabled for continued discussion at a later date.

The applicant has submitted a revised master plan after continued discussions with the County Fire Marshall's Office. The revised master plan shows a Fire Access Road between the apartments and the northernmost section of townhomes. The road is shown as a 30' easement with a 20' wide paved surface. This is a minor change that does not require a re-review.

Vice-Chair Edney made the motion that the Board approve rezoning application #R-2025-05-CD to rezone the Subject Area to a Conditional District (CD-2025-05) with the attached 2045 Comprehensive Plan Statement based on the recommendations of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan, and with any conditions stated in the proposed conditions attachment and with any additional conditions as discussed. All voted in favor, and the motion carried. (Conditions are attached to these minutes)

Construction Projects Update

Mr. Rhodes provided updates on multiple construction projects, including MRTS projects for Henderson County Public Schools and Blue Ridge Community College, Pardee's medical office buildings in Mills River and on Spartanburg Highway, and the JCAR Detention and Courts projects. He noted that the Sports Complex project was underway, with an expected completion date in September 2026, and concluded with updates on the HCPS Bus Garage and the Agricultural Services Building.

FY2026 MRTS Projects Review – Henderson County Public Schools

Mark Garrett, Superintendent of Henderson County Public Schools, presented the FY2026 MRTS project requests for the Board's consideration.

Approved:

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, TECHNOLOGY	FY 25-26	FY 26-27
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS		
Atkinson		
HVAC (Phase 3 of 3)	\$1,500,000	
Window Replacement		\$425,000
Paint Building Exterior		\$200,000
Bruce Drysdale		
LED Lighting Upgrade		\$370,000
Clear Creek		
Chiller Replacement	\$225,000	
Dana		
Boiler Replacement	\$200,000	
Gym Floor Replacement		\$180,000
Glenn Marlow		
Window Replacement	\$550,000	
Hendersonville Elementary		
LED Lighting Upgrade		\$250,000
Sugarloaf		
Boiler Replacement	\$200,000	
Upward		
Fan Coil Replacement		\$850,000
MIDDLE SCHOOLS		
Flat Rock		
HVAC Replacement (Media Center, Dining, Kitchen)		\$460,000
Rugby		
HVAC Replacement (A-Hall, E-Hall, Media Center, Dining, Kitchen)		\$460,000
Hendersonville		
Chiller Replacement	\$250,000	
HIGH SCHOOLS		
North Henderson		
Chiller Replacement	\$350,000	
OTHER		
Technology - Chromebooks	\$300,000	\$300,000
Various - Roofing	\$500,000	\$550,000
Central Office - Contingency / Strategic Capital	\$28,500	\$33,500
Various - Paving	\$500,000	\$525,000
TOTAL	\$4,603,500	\$4,603,500

Planned Projects from the 10-Year Facility Assessment (February 2019)

School	Project	Scheduled FY	School	Project	Scheduled FY
Atkinson	HVAC Replacement (Phase Two)	2025	Fletcher	LED Lighting Upgrade	2029
Atkinson	HVAC Replacement (Phase Three)	2026	Hendersonville Elementary	LED Lighting Upgrade	2029
Clear Creek	Chiller Replacement	2026	Hillandale	LED Lighting Upgrade	2029
Glenn Marlow	Replace Windows	2026	Mills River	LED Lighting Upgrade	2029
Hendersonville Middle	Chiller Replacement	2026	Rugby	Bleacher Replacement	2029
Sugarloaf	Boiler Replacement	2026	Bruce Drysdale	HVAC Replacement	2030
North Henderson	Chiller Replacement	2026	Bruce Drysdale	LED Lighting Upgrade	2030
Atkinson	Replace Windows	2027	Apple Valley	Replace Classroom HVAC Units	2031
Flat Rock	HVAC Replacement (Media Center, Dining, Kitchen)	2027	Clear Creek	Boiler Replacement	2031
Rugby	HVAC Replacement (A, E, Media Ctr, Dining, Kitchen)	2027	Hendersonville Elementary	HVAC Replacement	2031
Upward	Fan Coil Replacement	2027	North Henderson	Replace Classroom HVAC Units	2031
Atkinson	LED Lighting Upgrade	2029	Apple Valley	Replace Chiller (T-Building)	2032
Clear Creek	LED Lighting Upgrade	2029	Fletcher	Boiler Replacement	2032
Dana	LED Lighting Upgrade	2029	Glenn Marlow	HVAC Replacement	2033
Etowah	LED Lighting Upgrade	2029	Bus Garage	New Construction	TBD
Flat Rock	Bleacher Replacement	2029	East Henderson	Safety Upgrades	TBD

Approved:

Other Planned Projects

- East Henderson High School - HVAC Replacement (2028)
- East Henderson High School - Athletic Turf Field (2028)
- North Henderson High School - Athletic Turf Field (2028)
- West Henderson High School - Athletic Turf Field (2028)

Vice-Chair Edney made the motion that the Board approve the FY2026 MRTS projects requested by Henderson County Public Schools. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Hurricane Helene After-Action Report

In November 2024, Henderson County Staff engaged our recovery consultant, iParametrics, to assist with the facilitation of a comprehensive After Action Report (AAR) for the initial response and recovery to Hurricane Helene. During December 2024 and January 2025, iParametrics staff conducted online surveys and two days of in-person work sessions to gather feedback on the county's strengths as well as areas of improvement for the next large-scale event.

For the past few months, staff have been working with iParametrics to incorporate this feedback into a full report, which summarizes the findings and presents areas of improvement. Staff provided an overview of the key findings of the report to the Board and discussed the anticipated next steps.

Jimmy Brissie reported the following findings.



Henderson County
Emergency Services

Hurricane Helene After Action Report

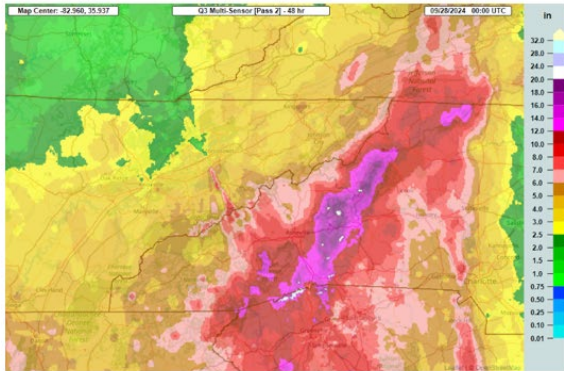
Purpose of the After-Action Report

- Evaluate response to Hurricane Helene (Sept 2024)
- Identify strengths, challenges, and areas for improvement
- Develop an Improvement Plan to enhance countywide preparedness and resilience
- Report facilitated by iParametrics and included online and in-person surveys from over 100 individuals and 38 agencies.



Approved:

Event Overview



- Hurricane Helene: Sept 23–27, 2024
- 15–22 inches of rainfall in Henderson County
- Wind gusts up to 100 mph in higher elevations
- Widespread power outages, flooding, and debris flows
- 8 fatalities and significant infrastructure damage

Community Impact Snapshot

- Hundreds of debris flows and landslides
- Critical infrastructure and roadways impassable
- Public loss of cell and internet communications
- Emergency shelters experienced a large number of medically fragile residents
- Rapid local response despite statewide resource depletion



What Worked Well?



Strong culture of preparedness across agencies



Interagency collaboration and community partnerships



Evacuations and shelter activations saved lives



Public trust and continuity of local government maintained

Approved:

Challenges...



Communication collapse:
Phone and internet failures.
Radio systems reached
maximum capacity



Infrastructure damage:
Roads impassable; power
loss



Shelter strain: Not equipped
for acute medical needs



Resource management
issues: Manual tracking and
donation overload



Public messaging gaps:
Rumors, misinformation,
and limited translations



Staff stress: Long hours,
trauma, and burnout

Building a Stronger, Resilient System



Update Emergency & Continuity Plans



Pre-stage additional satellite communication systems with partner agencies



Create resource tracking and donations management programs



Expand shelter training for additional staff



Produce multilingual, printed emergency materials



Continue to grow mental health and staff wellness programs

Moving Forward Together



Hurricane Helene tested every system in Henderson County



The response proved our preparedness foundation is strong



Focus now: enhance plans, strengthen communications,
logistics, and care for residents and responders

Approved:

2025.183 Clear Creek Sewer Construction Contract

As approved by the Board with the FY2026 budget, WGLA Engineering and staff have bid the construction portion of the Clear Creek sewer project (aka Edneyville Sewer). The invitation for bids was released on August 14, 2025, and bids were opened on October 4, 2025, at 2:00 pm. A bid summary and bid tabulation were attached. Also attached was the cost estimate from WGLA published prior to the bidding process. The bid opening was compliant and produced a low bid within the project budget and below the Engineer's estimate.

WGLA has provided the letter of recommendation for the low bidder, Timberline Construction Group, at \$13,993,755.00, and a resolution required by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ). The recommended motion and resolution request Board approve pending NCDEQ. The pending approval will assist the project team with meeting the aggressive schedule for the project.

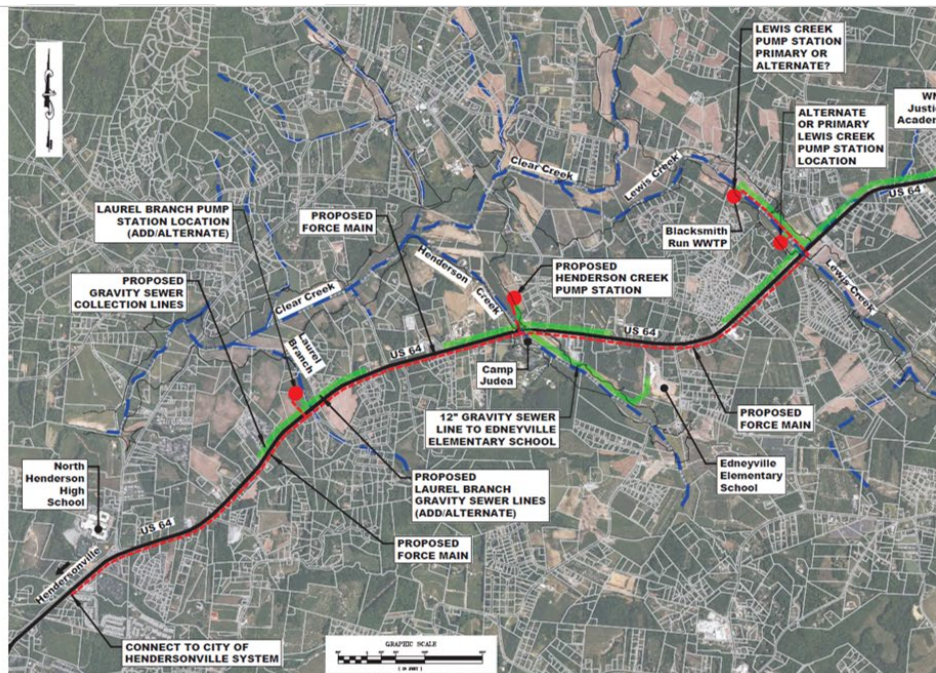
WGLA's letter of recommendation includes a proposed project budget, which staff have reviewed and also recommend. Within the budget, WGLA has identified the construction administration cost to be \$350,000. A proposal from WGLA for \$350,000 is attached.

Finally, the project schedule in the bid and in turn part of the construction contract requires Timberline to expend \$12.7 million (ARPA funding requirement) by December 31, 2026. The final completion date for the project is April 1, 2027.

Clear Creek Sewer Project Construction Contract Award

Project layout as approved during July 17, 2024 Board meeting:

1. Base bid
2. Bid alternate
3. Lewis Creek pump station



Approved:

Construction Contract Award

As approved by the Board with the FY2026 budget, WGLA Engineering and staff have bid the construction portion of the Clear Creek sewer project (aka Edneyville Sewer). A bid summary follows. The bid opening was compliant and produced a low bid within the project budget and below the Engineer's estimate.

Construction Contract Award

Henderson County - Clear Creek Sewer Project
Bid Opening Summary 10/2/25

Bidder	Bidder Responsibility	Bid Bond	MBE Information	Base Bid	Add/Alternate #1
Timberline Construction Group	X	X	X	\$13,993,755.00	\$2,575,225.00
TP Howard's Plumbing Co Inc	X	X	X	\$15,952,000.00	\$3,113,000.00
Ledford & Parker Inc	X	X	X	\$18,399,489.00	\$3,559,782.00
Moorhead Construction Inc	X	X	X	\$26,701,189.00	\$5,630,491.00

Signed by:

William R. Boul

Received By:

10/2/25

Date



WGLA has provided the attached letter of recommendation for the low bidder, Timberline Construction Group at **\$13,993,755.00**, and a resolution required by North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ). The recommended motion and resolution request Board approve pending NCDEQ. The pending approval will assist the project team with meeting the aggressive schedule for the project.

Approved:

Also included in the recommended motion are the following:

1. Approval of WGLA proposal for construction administration at \$350,000.
2. Approval of the project budget as detailed in WGLA's revised letter of recommendation.

As directed by the Board, the Laurel Branch lift station and associated gravity lines are not included within the recommended motion. However, the Laurel Branch section was bid as an alternate. The total cost to add this to the project is as follows:

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| 1. Construction Contract: | \$2,572,225.00 |
| 2. Easement Payments: | \$229,450 |
| 3. Additional Construction Administration: | \$65,000 |
| 4. 5% Contingency | \$130,000 |
| 5. Recommended budget: | \$3 million |

Vice-Chair Edney stated that the Laurel Branch extension, approximately nine-tenths of a mile long, needed to be included; otherwise, it would result in a situation similar to Asheville Highway with Stoney Mountain and Bayless, which would likely prohibit development indefinitely.

Will Buie stated that the Commissioners, as part of this project, hired WGLA to provide the design. The pump station and gravity lines have been designed and permitted, creating some value; however, the easements have not yet been acquired, though prepared easement plats have been prepared.

Vice-Chair Edney asked if the County had three million dollars available to fund the Laurel Branch portion of the project. He then asked what the debt service would be on three million dollars if it were added to one of the existing borrowings. He stated that it only makes sense to include this now rather than risk losing potential development opportunities.

Commissioner Egolf referenced Vice-Chair Edney's comment about the Laurel Branch area potentially remaining undeveloped, similar to Bayless. He stated that one concern he continues to wrestle with is determining where the Board wants growth and development to occur within the County. He added that he did not necessarily want to see a large development along Highway 64 in Edneyville. Noting that a decision regarding the Laurel Branch extension did not need to be made at this meeting, Commissioner Egolf stated that he would like to obtain more information about the extension.

Approved:

Following discussion, Vice-Chair Edney stated that he would hold his motion regarding the Laurel Branch extension and directed that the matter be placed on the agenda for the Board's mid-month meeting in November. Chairman Lapsley noted that the Board would need to discuss the matter no later than November 15 in order to hold the contractor's prices.

Commissioner McCall made the motion that the Board award the construction contract for the Clear Creek Sewer project to Timberline Construction Group for \$13,993,755.00, pending approval from NCDEQ, approve NCDEQ's tentative award resolution, approve the proposed project budget, approve the proposal from WGLA for \$350,000 to administer construction, and authorize the county Engineer to execute the necessary documents. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Animal Services Committee – 1 vac.

Chairman Lapsley made the motion to move existing committee member Toria McHarg from Seat #8 – At Large position to Seat #4 – Veterinarian position. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

2. Fletcher Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1 vac.

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

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

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

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

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 – 13 vacs.

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

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioner McCall shared that throughout October, the dome of the Historic Courthouse will be illuminated in pink lighting in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness. In November, it will be lit in green to support Operation Green Light, honoring veterans.

Commissioners Lapsley, Edney, Egolf, and Franklin had no updates.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

John Mitchell expressed appreciation to the Board for taking the time to discuss the Hurricane Helene after-action report, noting it was time well spent. He extended his gratitude to Mr. Brissie, his team, and the County's many partners for their efforts in compiling the report.

Approved:

He noted that, through North Carolina's interagency cooperation, personnel from Alaska had come to Henderson County following Hurricane Helene to assist with recovery efforts. In return, Henderson County has been asked to provide support in Alaska to assist with two typhoons in the Pacific, and some County staff will be traveling there to help those who previously supported the County.

Mr. Mitchell highlighted that the annual Halloween Treat Street event will be held in downtown Hendersonville on Friday, October 31. He noted that it is likely the largest Halloween event in Western North Carolina and continues to grow each year. He thanked Bruce Gilliam and the Recreation staff for their work in supporting the event.

He also reported that, at the Board's direction, the County is moving forward with hiring a Farmland Preservation Coordinator, who will be housed within the Soil and Water Department.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

John Mitchell reported that the General Assembly will reconvene on October 20. He anticipates movement on the draft legislation supported by this Board in conjunction with the City of Hendersonville. He also noted that the government shutdown continues.

Motion: Vice-Chair Edney made the motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)(4)(5). All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Denisa A. Lauffer, Clerk to the Board

William G. Lapsley, Chairman

Approved: