

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

### **HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** September 16, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Grant Project Resolutions – North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

**PRESENTER:** Emily Schwartz, Grants Administrator

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes

1. Project Resolution – Etowah Sewer System
2. Project Resolution – Clear Creek Sewer System

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Henderson County is pursuing grant funding for the Etowah Sewer System Wastewater Repair and Upgrades Project and the Clear Creek Sewer System. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) Division of Water Infrastructure requires a resolution to be submitted with applications for funding. Staff intend to submit applications for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the State Wastewater and Drinking Water Reserve Fund. Henderson County is eligible for both principal forgiveness and grant funding with these programs.

More information will be presented to the Board before any contracts are executed. The Grants Administrator intends to submit these applications before the September 30, 2026, deadline.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to adopt the project resolutions stating Henderson County's intent to request loan or grant assistance for the Etowah Sewer Wastewater Repair and Upgrades Project as well as the Clear Creek Sewer System construction projects.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

*I move that the Board adopt the grant project resolutions required for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the State Wastewater and Drinking Water Reserve Fund to fund the Etowah Sewer System and Clear Creek Sewer System construction projects.*

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## PROJECT RESOLUTION NC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ETOWAH SEWER SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION

**WHEREAS,** Henderson County has need for and intends to construct, plan for, or conduct a study in a project described as the Etowah Sewer System Wastewater Repair and Upgrades Project; and

**WHEREAS,** Henderson County intends to consider requesting State loan and/or grant assistance for the project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. That Henderson County, the applicant, will arrange financing for any remaining costs of the project, if approved for a state loan and/or grant award.
2. That the applicant will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.
3. That the applicant will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.
4. That the Henderson County Board of Commissioners agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the County to make a scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the County any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.
5. That John Mitchell, County Manager, is an Authorized Representative, and successors so titled, and is hereby authorized to execute any agreements and Emily Schwartz, Grants Administrator, is an Authorized Representative, and successors so titled, and is hereby authorized to file an application on behalf of the applicant with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the construction of the sewer system.

6. That the Authorized Representatives, and successors so titled, are hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.
7. That the applicant has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and funding conditions applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

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

Adopted this, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2026.

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WILLIAM G. LAPSLEY, CHAIRMAN  
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ATTEST:

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DENISA LAUFFER, CLERK TO THE BOARD

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## **PROJECT RESOLUTION NC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CLEAR CREEK SEWER SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION**

**WHEREAS,** Henderson County has need for and intends to construct, plan for, or conduct a study in a project described as the Clear Creek Sewer System; and

**WHEREAS,** Henderson County intends to consider requesting State loan and/or grant assistance for the project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. That Henderson County, the applicant, will arrange financing for any remaining costs of the project, if approved for a state loan and/or grant award.
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7. That the applicant has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and funding conditions applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

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