

is currently being installed, preparations for the Ribbon cutting this Friday, April 22, 2022.

The Hendersonville High School project continues to be on time and within budget, with all trades reaching their final inspections in the Stillwell Building. Inside and outside work continue along with the work on the athletic field. This fall, the school and football field will be completed and ready for football.

Henderson County Public Schools MRTS and BRCC MRTS projects are already completed, or the work is continuing toward completion.

The proposal from Fentress Architects for the 95 Courthouse and Detention project is currently being reviewed by staff.

In closing, Mr. Berry introduced Bryan Rhodes as Capital Project Manager. Mr. Rhodes replaces Thad Ninnemann, who retired last month. Mr. Rhodes was a longtime Henderson County Public School employee before taking his position with the County. He offers extensive experience and knowledge working with school system personnel and ongoing MRTS projects.

Rail Trail – Main Street to Road

Chris Todd provided a brief update on the Rail Trail project. He said that the Rail Trail Advisory Committee (RTAC) held their regularly scheduled meeting the previous week. They also met with Vaughn and Melton Engineering Firm for the first time; that meeting went well. The RTAC will continue to advise the Engineering Firm throughout the design process. He shared that the City of Hendersonville has resolved to put forty-six thousand dollars in support of the project. The support is specifically for the engineering of the section located between Kanuga Road to just past Main Street. This section was not a part of the original STBG Grant because it was unknown at the time if the railroad was going to sell that portion of the railroad.

The Friends of the Ecusta Trail has also dedicated six hundred thousand dollars for this section of the trail. Due to this and in combination with the city's funds, it was the recommendation of the RTAC that the Board move forward on this section and develop a contract for the engineering and design. Hopefully, utilizing the funding from the City of Hendersonville and the Friends of the Ecusta Trail for the engineering development and eventually the construction of that portion of the trail. He believes that all construction documents may be put out to bid at one time, and the entirety of the trail could be funded from the Main Street section out to where the STBG grant funds currently end.

Chairman Lapsley clarified that all the work being discussed would be funneled back through the County. The city is not completing the work on the Main St to Kanuga Rd section, and all work will remain under the county's umbrella. Chris Todd stated that if the Board desired to use the money the City has resolved to support that section of the trail, the County would hold the engineering and design contract for that project.

Commissioner Edney wanted to ensure that Henderson County has the whole trail and is leasing the entire trail before any decisions are made.

John Mitchell added that the lease the County entertains with Conserving Carolina is for all their property in Henderson County. He reiterated all the land conveyed to Conserving Carolina is under lease with Henderson County, and the Rail Trail Project will remain solely a Henderson County project.

Edneyville Sewer Update

Marcus Jones provided an update on the Edneyville Sewer Project. Notification letters have been mailed to all adjacent property owners; there has been minimal feedback. Staff is working with WGLA

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Engineering to work through the NPDES permitting process. Critical factors in applying for the permit include completing an Option Analysis and an Environmental Assessment, both in process. The statutory deadline for the NPDES permit is December 31, 2023, for consideration of the twelve point seven million allocation from the State.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. EMS Peer Review Committee – 2 vac.
Chairman Lapsley nominated Dr. Jason Barter for position #6. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
2. Henderson County Planning Board – 3 vacs.
Commissioner Edney nominated Bruce Hatfield for position #3 and Hunter Marks for position #9. Chairman Lapsley nominated Robert Griffin for position #1. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
3. Hendersonville Planning Board – 1 vac.
There were no nominations, and this item was rolled to the next meeting.
4. Hendersonville City Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1 vac.
There were no nominations, and this item was rolled to the next meeting.
5. Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee – 2 vacs.
There were no nominations, and this item was rolled to the next meeting.
6. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – 2 vac.
There were no nominations, and this item was rolled to the next meeting.
7. Nursing/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee – 10 vacs.
There were no nominations, and this item was rolled to the next meeting.
8. Recreation Advisory Committee – 1 vac.
Vice-Chair McCall nominated Doug Moon for position #7. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioner Andreotta shared the Broadband Taskforce had met recently. He also noted that the deadline to apply for the GREAT Grant had been extended until May 4, 2022.

Vice-Chair McCall urged everyone to participate in the litter sweep event on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at Mills River Park.

Chairman Lapsley said he and John Mitchell had recently met with Representatives Johnson, Moffit, and Senator Edwards to relay concerns regarding the proposed changes Vaya Health has put forward for the Child and Family Specialty Plan.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE

County Manager John Mitchell shared that the General Assembly would reconvene for the short session on May 18, 2022. On March 11, the US Government passed a one point five trillion-dollar Budget to cover this fiscal year, which ends October 1, 2022.

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