# **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

MEETING DATE:	January 3, 2005
SUBJECT:	Request for Consent to Acquire Property in Henderson County
ATTACHMENTS:	GIS Map and Property Record Card Map from Airport N.C.G.S. § 153A-15

### SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

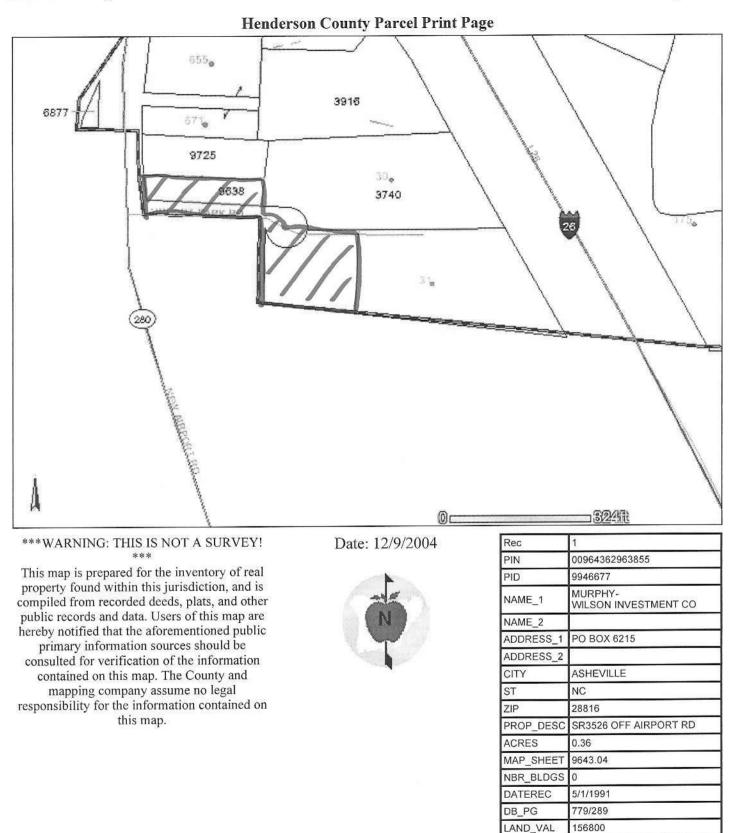
The Asheville Airport has requested the consent of the Board of Commissioners to purchase approximately 1.5 acres of property in Henderson County. The property fronts on Highway 280, and lies between J & S Cafeteria and the Fairfield Inn. A map showing the properties is attached for your consideration. The purchase price for the properties to be paid by the Airport Authority is \$795,000. Once purchased, the property will be titled in the name of the City of Asheville, as is all of the other airport property.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-15, before a municipal government located outside of Henderson County acquires property within Henderson County, they must obtain the consent of the Henderson County Board of Commissioners. It would be appropriate for the Board to consider upon what terms the Board may be willing to give consent for this purchase.

It should be noted that there are 3 properties in Henderson County which were purchased by the Airport Authority in the 1990s, after Henderson County was added to the legislation, for which no consent was given. The Airport Authority was unaware of the requirement at the time. It would also be appropriate for the Board to consider what, if any, impact these parcels have on the Airport Authority's current request for the Board's consent.

## COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

See attached recommendation and supporting documents.



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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-15

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> CHAPTER 153A. COUNTIES ARTICLE 2. CORPORATE POWERS

### GO TO CODE ARCHIVE DIRECTORY FOR THIS JURISDICTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-15 (2004)

§ 153A-15. Consent of board of commissioners necessary in certain counties before land may be condemned or acquired by a unit of local government outside the county

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 40A of the General Statutes or any other general law or local act conferring the power of eminent domain, before final judgment may be entered in any action of condemnation initiated by a county, city or town, special district, or other unit of local government which is located wholly or primarily outside another county, whereby the condemnor seeks to acquire property located in the other county, the condemnor shall furnish proof that the county board of commissioners of the county where the land is located has consented to the taking.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 153A-158, 160A-240.1, 130A-55, or any other general law or local act conferring the power to acquire real property, before any county, city or town, special district, or other unit of local government which is located wholly or primarily outside another county acquires any real property located in the other county by exchange, purchase or lease, it must have the approval of the county board of commissioners of the county where the land is located.

(c) This section applies to Alamance, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Burke, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Camden, Carteret, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Graham, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Haywood, Henderson, Hoke, Iredell, Jackson, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, Martin, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Nash, New Hanover, Onslow, Orange, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Polk, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, Watauga, Wayne, Wilkes, and Yancey Counties only.

(d) This section does not apply as to any condemnation or acquisition of real property or an interest in real property by a city where the property to be condemned or acquired is within the corporate limits of that city.

**HISTORY:** 1981, c. 134, ss. 1, 2; c. 270, ss. 1, 2; c. 283, ss. 1-3; c. 459, s. 1; c. 941, s. 1; 1981 (Reg. Sess., 1982), c. 1150, s. 1; 1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 973, s. 1; c. 1061, s. 1; 1991, c. 615, s. 3; 1991 (Reg. Sess., 1992), c. 790, s. 1; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 624, s. 1; c. 628, s. 1; 1995 (Reg. Sess., 1996), c. 681, s. 1; 1997-164, s. 1; 1997-263, s. 1; 1998-110, s. 1; 1998-217, s. 47; 1999-6, s. 1.

#### NOTES:

LOCAL MODIFICATION. -- Anson, Bertie, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell: 1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 1061, s. 2; Caswell: 1981, c. 941, s. 2; Cleveland, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth: 1989 (Reg. Sess.,

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1990), c. 1061, s. 2; Granville: 1981, c. 941, s. 2; Kannapolis: 1997, c. 295; Martin, Montgomery: 1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 1061, s. 2; Person: 1981, c. 941, s. 2; Rowan, Transylvania: 1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 1061, s. 2; Vance, Warren: 1981, c. 941, s. 2; Wilkes: 1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 1061, s. 2; Town of Chapel Hill: 2004-119, s. 2.

EDITOR'S NOTE. --Sections 1 and 2 of Session Laws 1981, cc. 134 and 270, and ss. 1 through 3 of Session Laws 1981, c. 283, as amended by Session Laws 1981, cc. 459, 941, and 1150, and Session Laws 1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), cc. 973, and 1061, have been codified as this section under the direction of the Revisor of Statutes.

For similar provisions pertaining to Cabarrus County, see Session Laws 1985, c. 194.

#### CASE NOTES

CITED in County of Johnston v. City of Wilson, 136 N.C. App. 775, 525 S.E.2d 826 (2000).

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TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: David E. Nicholson County Manager

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DATE: January 3, 2005

## SUBJECT: City of Asheville/Asheville Regional Airport Properties

I am writing to provide the Board with my recommendation concerning the request from the Asheville Regional Airport for the Board's consent to purchase 1.5 acres of commercial property in Henderson County. I cannot recommend to the Board that you approve this request without resolving the other properties that were purchased by the City of Asheville for airport uses. Several years ago, Henderson County was added to a local bill which requires municipalities from other counties to seek approval from the Board before purchasing property in Henderson County. There are three other properties that were purchased without having receiving approval from the Board of Commissioners.

I recommend that the Board consent to this land purchase by Asheville Regional Airport based on an agreement that requires the City of Asheville or the Asheville Regional Airport to provide on a yearly basis a payment in lieu of taxes based on Henderson County's assessed valuation and annual countywide tax rate. Henderson County already receives some payment in lieu of taxes from the US Government and the Hendersonville Housing Authority. These payments are for property that has been removed from our tax base by these government agencies. These properties and the annual payment in lieu are as follows.

	Property Description	Valuation	Payment in lieu *
1.	54.58 acres purchased in July 1991	\$ 95,500	\$453.63
2.	25.11 acres purchased in August 1993	\$109,900	\$522.03
3.	24.95 acres purchased in October 1993	\$116,700	\$554.33
4.	1.5 new acres	\$**	\$

- \* This amount based on the current assessed valuation and tax rate. I would recommend that this amount be calculated annually based on updated valuations and adjustments to the tax rate.
- \*\* This property would have to be assessed by the County Assessor's office since they are purchasing a current parcel and a portion of another parcel.

Should the Board support my recommendation, I would suggest that a letter be written to the City of Asheville and the Airport Authority concerning this offer.