

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: December 15, 2005

SUBJECT: Resolution Regarding the Low Income Energy Assistance Program

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Memorandum from David L. Peoples, Washington County Manager
- 2) Washington County, NC Resolution
- 3) Draft Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

It has been requested that the Board of Commissioners adopt the attached resolution regarding the federal Low Income Energy Assistance Program.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUIRED:

Staff recommends the attached resolution be adopted.

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

To: North Carolina Counties

From: David L. Peoples
Washington County Manager

Date: November 29, 2005

Re: Resolution Regarding the Low Income Energy
Assistance Program

Please find attached the Resolution Regarding the Low Income Energy Assistance Program which was adopted at the Washington County Board of Commissioners meeting held November 21, 2005.

We respectfully request that your board of commissioners consider adopting this resolution. Thank you for your support in this issue.

Resolution Regarding the Low Income Energy Assistance Program

Whereas, the federal Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) provides low-income families with limited financial assistance toward meeting their heating-related needs during the cold winter months;

And whereas, LIEAP has two components which are the LIEAP component and the Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) component;

And whereas, the LIEAP component provides a one-time payment to eligible households that are experiencing heating-related needs;

And whereas, the Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) component provides immediate emergency assistance to an eligible household that is experiencing a crisis in meeting its heating needs;

And whereas, these federal funds are allocated to the State of North Carolina, which distributes the funds to all households that are determined eligible through the LIEAP component;

And whereas, local departments of social services in every county receive an allocation of CIP funds;

And whereas, due to the real potential that the current heating season will adversely affect the ability of low income families to meet and pay for heating fuel even more than in previous years as a result of estimated natural gas prices increasing over 50 percent and fuel oil and propane prices increasing over 30 percent from the previous winter heating season prices;

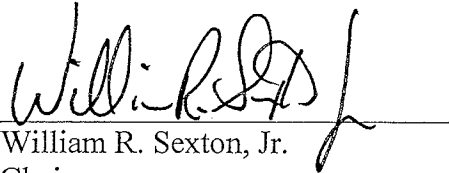
And whereas, the amount of federal funding allocated to Washington County will not meet all the potential needs of low-income households experiencing heating-related crises;

And whereas, low-income households with unmet heating needs will be in jeopardy of life-threatening crises unless additional funding is allocated to the State of North Carolina by the United States Government:

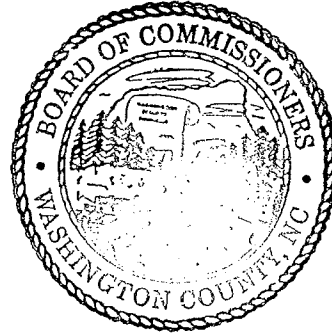
Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Washington County Board of Commissioners calls upon the Governor of the State of North Carolina and all its elected representatives in the North Carolina General Assembly to contact members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives and advocate for additional LIEAP funding for the State of North Carolina for the current heating season.

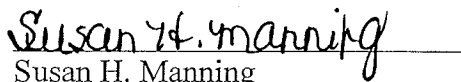
Be it further resolved, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners calls upon the Governor of the State of North Carolina to identify any and all emergency funds to supplement federal LIEAP funds for the 100 counties in the state to alleviate this emerging critical adverse heating situation.

Adopted this the 21st day of November, 2005.



William R. Sexton, Jr.
Chairman
Washington County Board of Commissioners





Susan H. Manning
Deputy Clerk to the Board
Washington County Board of Commissioners

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And whereas, the amount of federal funding allocated to Henderson County will not meet all the potential needs of low-income households experiencing heating-related crises;

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Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners calls upon the Governor of the State of North Carolina and all its elected representatives in the North Carolina General Assembly to contact members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives and advocate for additional LIEAP funding for the State of North Carolina for the current heating season.

Be it further resolved, that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners calls upon the Governor of the State of North Carolina to identify any and all emergency funds to supplement federal LIEAP funds for the 100 counties in the state to alleviate this emerging critical adverse heating situation.

Adopted this the 15th day of December, 2005.

William L. Moyer, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk to the Board
Henderson County Board of Commissioners