

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2006

SUBJECT: Closure of Tuxedo Post Office

ATTACHMENTS: May 10, 2006 Letter to Office of Senator Elizabeth Dole

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

As was mentioned during the May 1 meeting, the Tuxedo Post Office is scheduled to close the end of this month. Staff has invited a USPS representative from Asheville to attend the May 19 meeting. No response has been received at this time. Staff is also working with Senator Dole's office to get feedback from the USPS detailing how citizens and businesses in the Tuxedo area will be served after the closure of the Post Office. A copy of correspondence to Senator Dole's office is attached. Commissioner McGrady has been involved with this issue and will be able to provide additional information.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUIRED:

No specific action recommended at this time.

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May 10, 2006

Mr. Graham Fields, Western Director
The Honorable Elizabeth Dole, United States Senate
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Subject: Closure of Tuxedo Post Office

Dear Mr. Fields:

This letter is a follow-up to our recent conversation concerning the pending closure of the Tuxedo Post Office. First of all, thank you for your sincere interest in this matter.

As indicated during our conversation, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners has been made aware that the Tuxedo Post Office will close at the end of this month. At this point, the County has received no formal notification or communication concerning this matter from the United States Postal Service (USPS). We are extremely concerned that the USPS has not made plans to adequately service the Tuxedo area after the closure, especially several large commercial/institutional businesses. Considering these concerns, we respectfully request that the Senator's Office research this matter to determine how the USPS plans to serve this area of Henderson County.

Again, thank for you interest in this matter. Please feel free to contact us if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Justin B. Hembree
Assistant County Manager

cc: Board of Commissioners
Steve Wyatt, Henderson County Manager