

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**HENDERSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** June 27, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Proposal for Program to Celebrate the Reopening of the Historic Courthouse

**ATTACHMENTS:** Proposal from Tom Orr

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Mr. Tom Orr has requested to address the Board concerning the attached proposal.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUIRED:**

Based on information included in the attached proposal, staff sees no problems with this request and recommends acceptance of the proposal.

**June 10, 2006**

**To: Henderson County Board of Commissioners  
100 King Street  
Hendersonville, NC 28792-5097**

**From: Tom E. Orr**

**Re: Proposal for the development of a significant theatrical/historical production appropriate to the opening of the rehabilitated Henderson County Historic Courthouse. Target date: December 2007**

**Over a year ago, I came before you and asked for your support for a series of activities celebrating the centennial of the Historic Courthouse. You gave me that support and I was able to move forward, with some authority, in getting the job done. One of the events was “Evidence of Yesterday,” a multi-media production that combined the cooperative efforts of many. The year 2005 was filled with activities that focused on the historic building and those individuals who have peopled it.**

**Once again, I request your public support. This time it is for the development of an appropriate production for the Courthouse opening, December 2007. I would like to bring together creative artists to develop a heritage production appropriate to the occasion. If properly developed, it can be re-produced in the years that follow that opening. I have shared my thoughts with Dr. George A. Jones, Corporation president, and he has encouraged me to make them known to you.**

**At your next Board meeting, I would like for you to charge me with this responsibility. I realize the difficulty of the task that I would assume, but I also realize that we are losing valuable time. I feel I have been paralyzed by inactivity and need you to once again “jump start” this creative activity, begun in 2005. David Nicholson informs me that bids have come in and the rehabilitation project can now move forward. I would like the efforts to “tell the history of Henderson County” to move forward as well, with the Courthouse as the venue.**

**On Tuesday, June 13, I begin working on a video “In the Mirror of Her Mind,” featuring an extended interview with local historian, Louise Bailey. This will be a cooperative effort with BRCC’s David Hutto. As I told you in earlier email, I am excited about what can be created and developed in that new technology facility with its properly equipped studio space.**

**I appreciate your leadership and the support you have given in the past. As we look forward it is my hope that Act Two of our endeavor can be even more exciting and challenging. I will gladly answer any questions you might have. My telephone number is 693-6430; email address: tomorr@brinet.com.**