REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: 2 October 2006

SUBJECT: Cable franchise extension, second reading

ATTACHMENT(S): Proposed agreement (previously passed on first reading)

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Attached is a proposed extension of the existing franchise agreement with Mediacom Southeast, L.L.C. This proposal, which maintains the status quo, was adopted by you on first reading at your last meeting.

A franchise agreement must be twice adopted by this Board to be effective. Proposed is final adoption, subject to another vote at this Board's this meeting.

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION:

If the Board is so inclined, the following motion is suggested:

I move that the Board give final approval to the extension of the County's franchise agreement with Mediacom Southeast L.L.C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF HENDERSON

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This AGI	REEMENT is made on the $_$	day of	, 2006,
by and by	oetween Henderson County,	a body politic and c	orporation ("the
County") and Mediacom Southeast L	L.C. ("Mediacom").	

Statement of Facts and Circumstances

- 1. Mediacom and the County are parties to a franchise agreement for cable television service within the unincorporated areas of the County ("the local franchise agreement").
- 2. The local franchise agreement will soon expire by its terms.
- 3. North Carolina has recently enacted "An Act To Promote Consumer Choice In Video Service Providers And To Establish Uniform Taxes For Video Programming Services", session law 2006-151 ("the Act").
- 4. Pursuant to the Act, Mediacom will be able to obtain a franchise allowing it to provide video services in Henderson County of the same type as are allowed under the local franchise agreement.
- 5. Election by Mediacom of a statewide franchise under the Act can occur on or after 1 January 2007.
- 6. Mediacom is not willing to commit to a new long-term local franchise agreement with Henderson County on terms more stringent than the state franchise agreement at this time.
- 7. The purpose of this Agreement is to extend the local franchise agreement until such time as Mediacom elects to obtain a franchise pursuant to the Act.

Statement of Agreement

1. The term of the local franchise agreement is extended until terminated by Mediacom obtaining a franchise under the Act, or until the County gives six (6) months notice to Mediacom of termination (which termination will be subject to the other provisions of the local franchise agreement, and applicable North Carolina and Federal law).

2. This Agreement is effective after second adoption by the Board of Commissioners of Henderson County and execution by both parties.
MEDIACOM SOUTHEAST, LLC
By: Bruce Gluckman
VP of Legal and Regulatory Affairs
Printed Name of Person Executing Agreement
HENDERSON COUNTY
By:
WILLIAM L. MOYER

Chairman, Board of Commissioners