

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: October 2, 2006

SUBJECT: Home Builders Association Request for Waiver of Tipping Fees

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Per the attached letter, the Home Builder's Association has requested that the County 1) waive their tipping fees at the landfill and 2) allow volunteers to by-pass the waiting line at the landfill from October 2 – 7, 2006 to facilitate their "Community Team Day." The goal for this event is to improve the living conditions of less fortunate citizens by doing home repairs and the subsequent removal of debris.

Mr. Sam Creech, Home Builders Association representative, will be in attendance to present this request to the Board of Commissioners at this evening's meeting.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The precedence here is that the Board of Commissioners has not approved these types of requests for tipping fee waivers because the Solid Waste Fund is a self-supporting, Enterprise Fund. The last request of this nature was a request from the Edneyville Fire Department in March 2004.

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Henderson County Commissioners
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Dear Commissioners:

The Home Builder's Association has teamed up with one of our members, Housing Assistance Corp., to promote what we are calling "Community Team Day". Our goal is to help the less fortunate citizens of our county. We have selected several families that we feel we can make a difference in their living conditions. Some of our projects have water drainage problems that have led to major home problems. Also, some are disabled and have accumulated much debris around the home. This debris has to be removed before we can correct the water problems. There will also be renovating construction material that has to be removed during these projects.

Our "Team Day" is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2006. As you are aware, the landfill is very busy on Saturday. Waiting in line at the landfill could mean the loss of several hours we could actually be doing the work. Although our actual work day is Saturday, October 7th, we would like to start removing the debris from the outside of the homes beginning the week of October 2, 2006. This way, the excavating people can just start early Oct. 7th and finish the job in one day.

We would like to request from the county the following:

1. To waive the tipping fee (money saved could be used on material for homes)
2. Not to have to wait in line at landfill (loss of time actual work could be done on homes)
3. Dates would be October 2, 2006 through October 7, 2006

We have the enclosed logo that we could put in the window of our vehicles so we could be readily recognized.

We have commitments from over 60 volunteers. Building supply businesses in Henderson and Transylvania counties have donated material for our projects and we feel this will be a very successful undertaking. Hopefully, we can make this an annual project and make a difference in our county.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dottie Hensley, Executive Officer

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