

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: January 2, 2007

SUBJECT: Appointment of Legislative Liaison to the NCACC

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners is requesting that all 100 counties appoint one county commissioner as its Legislative Liaison. Each county's Legislative Liaison will serve as a conduit of information between the Association and the Board.

Responsibilities will include:

- Ensuring other county commissioners are aware of legislative developments concerning issues of importance to counties
- Placing items of statewide importance on county Board of Commissioners agendas to generate discussion and elevate public awareness
- Providing a local voice that local media can rely upon for information on legislative issues
- Setting up or making sure regular meetings with local legislators are taking place
- Providing feedback to the county's Association District Director on what local legislators, fellow Board members, other officials and the general public are saying about bills and issues, and what issues are elevated in the county.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to determine which Commissioner will be designated as the Legislative Liaison to the NCACC

Suggested Motion:

I move that Commissioner Messer be designated as the Legislative Liaison to the NCACC.

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From: Kathy DeMay [kathy.demay@ncacc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2006 2:41 PM
To: County Clerks
Cc: County Managers
Subject: Appointment of NCACC Legislative Liaisons

*Agenda Item
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**To: Clerks to the Boards of Commissioners in NCACC District 16
(Buncombe, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania Counties)**

Clerks:

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners requests that your county includes an agenda item during your first regular January Board of Commissioners meeting to address the NCACC's Legislative Liaison program.

In mid-November, we asked for your feedback on the potential program, and we are happy to report it was met with enthusiasm. The Association is now asking for your manager to present this item to your Board and for your county to appoint its Legislative Liaison.

(**Note:** If your county has already appointed its Legislative Liaison and informed the Association, no action is needed, although you may want to share the attached memo with your appointed Legislative Liaison.)

In mid-January, after county Boards have appointed their Liaisons and prior to the start of the 2007 session of the General Assembly, NCACC staff and District Directors will hold a conference call with the network of Legislative Liaisons to introduce them to the program.

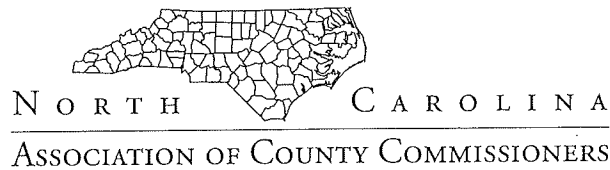
Please find attached a sample agenda item that you may customize for your county. We look forward to working with your Legislative Liaison this session.

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Thank you for your continuing assistance with ensuring this program is a success. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas!

With warmest personal regards,
Kathy

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Sample Board Agenda Memo

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The NCACC will provide counties with regular agenda items and will provide Legislative Liaisons with talking points and educational materials that can be used to boost media and public awareness of legislation that impacts counties. The Legislative Liaisons initiative is one part of the NCACC's strategic goal to enhance the ability of county officials to represent counties and the NCACC on local and statewide issues.