

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: 17 September 2008
SUBJECT: Modification of HCTV-11 policy
ATTACHMENT(S): Draft revision to policy

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

In light of the current pending referendum issue and requests from non-partisan groups to host issues information forums on HCTV-11, the attached revisions to your broadcast policies are needed to clarify that such forums are permissible.

County staff will be present and prepared if requested to give further information on this matter.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Consideration and approval of the policy revisions

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

I move that the Board adopt the proposed amendments to the Television Cablecast Policies and Procedures.

Proposed changes to the Henderson County Television Cablecast Policies and Procedures.

Changes to current language are indicated first, followed by “clean” language.

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