

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**PUBLIC HEARING  
TO CONSIDER  
PUBLIC HEARING ON OFFER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
INCENTIVES TO MORRIS COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, LLC  
18 March 2009 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.**

ATTACHMENT(S): Advertisement as published in The Times-News

SUMMARY:

A public hearing has been scheduled on 18 March 2009 in the above matter.

To be heard are public comments on a proposal for the award of economic development incentives to Morris Communications Group, LLC, for the location of a call center in Henderson County, for the company's cable television operations. The proposed call center would bring 41-46 new jobs, with average annual wages of \$29,180.

Proposed are an award of incentives for three years, at \$6,652.80 per year (total award \$19,958.40). The award of incentives would likely be contingent during the period of incentives on no sale of the operation of the cable system by the recipient, and on the call center serving cable operations in Henderson County remaining in Henderson County.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board may choose to take action, delay action to a subsequent meeting, or take no action.

Should the board, after the public hearing, be inclined to make an offer of incentives, the following motion is proposed:

***I move that the board offer economic development incentives to Morris Communications, LLC, in the amount of \$6,652.80 per year for three years for the location of a call center in Henderson County, contingent on the system not being sold during the period of the incentive grant, and further contingent on the call center serving cable operations for Henderson County remaining in Henderson County during the period of the incentive grant.***

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §158-7.1 that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) will hold a public hearing on 18 March 2009 at 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the Board can consider the matter, to consider the request of Morris Communications Group, LLC (“the Company”), for economic development incentives to assist in investment resulting in the location of a call and customer service center in Henderson County, expanding its current operations in the County, and the addition of new jobs.

The Company owns a cable television operation serving areas of Western North Carolina, including most of Henderson County. The public benefit to be derived from the capital project is a total new taxable capital investment in the amount of approximately One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000.00) in equipment (“the investment”) over the next year, creating not fewer than forty-one (41) new full time employment positions.

The Board will consider granting assistance toward actual expenditures incurred in the Company’s plan to construct its operation up to a maximum payment of Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Forty Cents (\$19,958.40), to be paid over a period of three (3) years. Each year’s incentive payment would be no greater than Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars and Eight Cents (\$6,652.80).

If approved, the request would be funded through the general property tax revenue. The hearing will be held in the Meeting Room of the Henderson County Administration Building located at 1 Historic Courthouse Square, Hendersonville, North Carolina. The public is invited to attend and comment.

Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk to the  
Henderson County Board of Commissioners