

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2009

SUBJECT: WNC Beef Cattle Commission Livestock Market Resolution

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

At the November 19, 2008 Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board passed unanimously voted in favor of a motion to support a Resolution of Endorsement adopted by the WNC Beef Cattle Commission of WNC Communities. This Resolution reviewed the need for a livestock market in Western North Carolina, with the proposed site being in Haywood. The Board is requested to adopt the attached Resolution of Support, authorizing the county to make contribution toward the livestock market.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the attached Resolution as presented, and discuss the contribution to be made toward this effort.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Resolution as presented, and authorize a contribution of \$10,000 be made to the livestock market.

**HENDERSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS,** on November 19, 2008 the Henderson County Board of Commissioners supported a Resolution of Endorsement adopted by the WNC Beef Cattle Commission of WNC Communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Resolution stated that the members of the WNC Beef Cattle Commission of WNC Communities, in their meeting on October 28, 2008 listened intently to a progress report on a project to re-open a viable, long-term livestock market in Western North Carolina project first introduced at our meeting one year ago, at which time it was strongly supported with members participating in a feasibility survey; and
- WHEREAS,** many of the 3000 livestock producers in Western North Carolina consider themselves burdened, both by cost and time, due to the absence of a quality livestock market in the region; and
- WHEREAS,** the Commission empowered a subcommittee to explore the feasibility of re-opening the local market; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tobacco Trust Fund Commission funded the feasibility study; and
- WHEREAS,** the feasibility study clearly indicates the market is viable and timely for the reopening; and
- WHEREAS,** the sub-committee had dutifully responded with a proposed market that meets the criteria of a viable, long-term market, with a high probability of success; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed location in Haywood County was the result of an in-depth study of seven potential locations conducted and decided by the subcommittee; and
- WHEREAS,** International Paper, Inc. is cooperating to make the site available in a long-term, low cost lease; and
- WHEREAS,** numerous producers have given written pledges to utilize the facility stated in the proposal for this location, provided it is a competitive, viable, long-term market; and
- WHEREAS,** Western North Carolina producers, commission members, area leaders, and elected officials have rallied behind this proposed market, to ensure its success; and
- WHEREAS,** this proposed market provides the region a long-term solution to the chronic lack of reliable and adequate sized local market;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby authorize the County to make contribution toward the livestock market to be constructed in Haywood County.

Adopted this the 6th day of April, 2009.

William L. Moyer, Chairman

Attest:

Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk to the Board