

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2009

SUBJECT: Set Public Hearing Date for the Etowah and Horse Shoe Communities Draft Plan

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Etowah and Horse Shoe Communities Advisory Committee, formed by the Board of Commissioners on September 4, 2007, was responsible for developing and recommending a community-specific comprehensive plan for the Etowah and Horse Shoe Communities. After meeting monthly for 1 year, holding two public input sessions, and utilizing available research provided by Henderson County and area experts, the committee has completed the Draft Etowah and Horse Shoe Communities Plan.

On February 19, 2009, the Planning Board held a joint meeting with the Etowah and Horse Shoe Advisory Committee and voted unanimously (9-0) to send forth a favorable recommendation on the Etowah and Horse Shoe Communities Plan.

At its meeting on February 18, 2009, the Board briefly discussed the Etowah and Horse Shoe Communities Plan and decided to set a workshop to discuss the draft plan in detail. On March, 26, 2009, Mr. Ken Allison, Chair of the Etowah and Horse Shoe Communities Advisory Committee, gave a power point presentation highlighting each section and recommendations contained in the draft plan and answered any questions that the Board had.

The Board indicated that they would like to set a public hearing or public input session at its first meeting in April. A public hearing is necessary for the Board of Commissioners to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the Etowah and Horse Shoe Plan.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff requests that the Board of Commissioners set a public hearing date for May 4, 2009 at 7:00 PM or schedule a special called meeting for public input. Staff also recommends the following dates for a special called meeting.

Thursday – May 7

Monday – May 11

Thursday – May 14

Monday – May 18

Tuesday – May 19

Suggested Motion:

I move that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners set a public hearing date for May 4, 2009 at 7:00 PM or schedule a special called meeting for public input.