

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: May 20, 2009

SUBJECT: Rezoning request to Laurel Park Town Council

ATTACHMENTS: Letter from Chairman Moyer to Mayor Johnson

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Henderson County Emergency Services is currently coordinating a communications upgrade for the state-wide Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER). This upgrade will provide new towers and buildings at three communications sites in Henderson County along with access to the VIPER system, and is paid for by a Homeland Security Grant in cooperation with the NC Highway Patrol. In order to locate a new building and tower at the Jump-Off Mountain site, adjacent property will need to be utilized. The Town of Laurel Park owns the adjacent property which currently serves as a water storage facility and therefore requires re-zoning to allow for governmental communications.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Request the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the attached letter formally requesting the Town of Laurel Park rezone parcel # 9900636, Lot # 01 of Echo Mountain Ridge subdivision to allow for governmental communications, infrastructure and equipment.

Suggested Motion:

Move the Board authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to the Town of Laurel Park formally requesting rezoning property on Jump-Off Mountain to allow for governmental communications, equipment and infrastructure.

May 21, 2009

Honorable Mayor Henry T. Johnson
Town of Laurel Park
441 White Pine Drive
Laurel Park, NC 28739

Dear Mayor Johnson:

I am writing to request the Laurel Park Town Council's consideration to rezone a parcel of land to allow for governmental communications.

Henderson County is currently coordinating a communications upgrade with the North Carolina Highway Patrol to install communications equipment and infrastructure supporting the state-wide Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER). This system is designed to facilitate communications at the local, state and federal level should the need arise.

Due to insufficient space at the current Jump-Off Mountain site, adjacent property will need to be utilized in order to locate the new VIPER equipment, tower and building. The Town of Laurel Park owns the adjacent property described as Lot 01 of the Echo Mountain Ridge subdivision in the Fleetwood Section of the Town, parcel number 9900636. This parcel currently serves as a water storage facility for the Town.

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the Town Council consider re-zoning parcel number 9900636 to allow for governmental communications, infrastructure and equipment.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns, and thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely:

William L. Moyer, Chairman