

DRAFT MINUTES

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 4, 2010**

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a regularly scheduled meeting at 5:30 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Historic Courthouse on Main Street, Hendersonville.

Those present were: Chairman Bill Moyer, Vice-Chairman Mark Williams, Commissioner Larry Young, Commissioner Chuck McGrady, Commissioner Charlie Messer, County Manager Steve Wyatt, Assistant County Manager Selena Coffey, Attorney Russell Burrell, and Clerk to the Board Teresa L. Wilson.

Also present were: Planning Director Anthony Starr, Finance Director J. Carey McLelland, Research/Budget Analyst Amy Brantley, Engineering and Facility Services Director Marcus Jones, Associate County Attorney Sarah Zambon, Tax Assessor Stan Duncan, Captain Greg Cochran, Sheriff Rick Davis, Planner Parker Sloan, Auxiliary Business Manager Bill Blalock, DSS Director Liston Smith, Recreation Director Tim Hopkin, Internal Auditor Darlene Burgess, Public Information Officer Christy DeStefano, and Officer David Pearce (security).

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Moyer called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Theron Larnce Maybin III led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

INVOCATION

Vice-Chairman Mark Williams gave the invocation.

INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Moyer asked each person who had signed up for informal public comments to please limit their comments to about 3 minutes each.

1. Diane Dotson – Ms. Dotson is a teacher at Glen Marlow Elementary and spoke in regards to the budget. Ms. Dotson is the president of Henderson County Association of Educators. “At this time of year you (Board of Commissioners) are getting ready to put together a budget for the next fiscal year. On behalf of the teachers and other educators of Henderson County, I would like to thank you for all you have done in the past especially in this hard year. On our side I think you will agree that our citizens get high productivity from school employees at a low cost. Our educators continue to work long hours and work around lost positions. Many students, teachers and other employees have won state-wide awards for our efforts. Our County did very well on state tests even while we are straining the limit of our resources. Our parents and teachers pay for the many things needed in the classroom out of our own pockets since we no longer have the \$200 allotment for such items. At this time when things are looking a little more hopeful, when revenue projections are looking better, I and the educators of Henderson County urge you to not go backwards as you consider the school budget. We thank you for the great accomplishments you made this year and look forward to the time when you can once more move to increase educators supplemental pay.”

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Commissioner Messer made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

DATE APPROVED:

Chairman Moyer requested that Item J, Resolution in Memoriam – Louise King Howe Bailey be pulled for discussion.

Commissioner McGrady made the motion to adopt the consent agenda minus Item J, Resolution in Memoriam – Louise King Howe Bailey. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Resolution in Memoriam – Louise King Howe Bailey

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt the Resolution provided in Memoriam for Louise King Howe Bailey, who passed away on December 27, 2009. Mrs. Bailey was a Henderson County native and a beloved local historian, author, newspaper columnist, speaker and storyteller who helped to preserve the cultural heritage of Henderson County, and who will be remembered for her legacy of service and contributions to her community.

Chairman Moyer read the resolution and a copy is hereby attached and incorporated as a part of the minutes.

Chairman Moyer made the motion that the Board adopts the resolution of Memoriam for Louise King Howe Bailey. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

Minutes

Draft minutes were presented for Board review and consent approval of the following meeting(s):
December 7, 2009 – Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Tax Collector’s Report

Deputy Tax Collector Carol McCraw had presented the Tax Collector’s Report to the Commissioners dated December 23, 2009 for information only. No action was required.

Financial Report/Cash Balance Report – November 2009

The Financial Report and Cash Balance Report for November 2009 were presented for the Board’s review and consent approval.

The following are explanations for departments with higher budget to actual percentages for the month of November:

- Dues/Non-Profit Contributions – second quarter FY2010 non-profit contributions paid
- Fire Marshal – worker’s compensation premium/fire district(s) contracts and annual communications maintenance contract for fire services
- Rescue Squad – first and second quarter FY2010 non-profit contribution/vehicle fuel and maintenance
- Non-Departmental – monthly actual worker’s compensation insurance costs to be allocated out to all departments in the month of December 2009

The YTD deficit in the Travel and Tourism Fund is the result of lower occupancy tax collections due to the current local economy and reduced room rates being offered for stays.

The Emergency 911 communications Fund YTD deficit of \$54,377 is from the expenditure of funds for the scheduled replacement of Computer-aided Dispatch (CAD) servers in the 911 Center. This equipment replacement was budgeted in FY2010 and is paid entirely from 911 telephone surcharge funds.

The YTD deficit in the CDBG – 2008 Scattered Site Housing Project Grant Fund is due to the timing difference between the expenditure of grant funds and subsequent reimbursement from the state.

The YTD deficit in the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Fund is due to the purchase of a new

transport vehicle that was budgeted in FY2010.

The YTD deficit of \$8,595 in the Edneyville Park Project is recreation equipment purchased and additional soccer field work required by the state that will be reimbursed from the State PARTF Grant, which has been extended for six months to complete the additional field work.

The ongoing YTD deficits reported in the Public School System Repair Projects and the North High/Apple Valley HVAC Water Line Repair Project will be reimbursed from future FY2010 financing proceeds. A part of the financing for these expenditures will be closed on by the end of December 2009.

The YTD deficit in the Solid Waste Landfill Fund is due to the purchase of \$184K in replacement capital outlay equipment from which bids were approved at the November 2, 2009 Board meeting.

The YTD deficit in the Cane Creek Water & Sewer District Fund is due to expenditures, including a quarterly loan payment, running ahead of revenues through November.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board of Commissioners approves the November 2009 County Financial Report and Cash Balance Report as presented.

Henderson County Public Schools Financial Reports – November 2009

The Public Schools Financial Reports for November 2009 were presented for the Board's information and consent approval.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board of Commissioners approves the November 2009 Henderson County Public Schools Financial Reports as presented.

Construction Management Update

Construction Manager David H. Berry & Associates, LLC provided a monthly status report to the Commissioners for Henderson County facilities.

Capital / Facilities Status Reports

Internal Auditor Darlene Burgess had provided a status report to the Commissioners for the period ended November, 2009 on Capital and Facilities projects.

Federal Community Oriented Policing (COPs) Grant

The Henderson County Sheriff's Department has been awarded a Federal Community Oriented Policing (COPs) Technology Program Grant for \$210,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the purchase of new law enforcement technology in FY2010. No matching funds are required.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board authorizes the County Manager to adjust the budget as necessary to facilitate the Federal Community Oriented Policing (COPs) Technology Program Grant awarded to the Henderson County Sheriff's Department with no new net expenditure of funds.

Energy Efficiency for County and Municipal Buildings Recovery Fund

A grant application was submitted on December 31, 2009 to the Department of Commerce, State Energy Office. The grant application requests \$133,754.25 for a Lighting Retrofit Project. This project will upgrade T12 Fluorescent light, can lighting, and include occupancy sensors in the County and the City of Hendersonville. No matching funds are required.

Renewal of participant fee and concession agreement with Henderson County Youth Baseball

Parks and Recreation Department staff and Henderson County Youth Baseball recommend renewal of the existing agreement provided to the Board for a period of two additional years, through the end of 2011.

Suggested Motion:

I move that the Board approves the Renewal Agreement with Henderson County Youth Baseball as provided in the agenda.

NOMINATIONS

Notification of Vacancies

The Board was notified of the following vacancies which will appear on the next agenda for nominations:

1. **Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee – 2 vac.**
2. **Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee – 1 vac.**
3. **Nursing/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee – 1 vac.**
4. **Water Supply and Distribution Task Force – 1 vac.**

Nominations

Chairman Moyer reminded the Board of the following vacancies and opened the floor to nominations:

1. **CJPP (Criminal Justice Partnership Program) - 4 vac.**

Commissioner McGrady nominated Keith Honeycutt for reappointment to position #12. *Chairman Moyer made the motion to accept the reappointment of Keith Honeycutt to position #12 by acclamation. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

2. **Downtown Hendersonville Inc. – 1 vac.**

There were no nominations at this time so this item was rolled to the next meeting.

3. **Historic Resources Commission – 1 vac.**

There were no nominations at this time so this item was rolled to the next meeting.

4. **Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee – 2 vac.**

Commissioner McGrady nominated Linda Lauzon for reappointment to position #8. *Chairman Moyer made the motion to accept the reappointment of Linda Lauzon to position #8 by acclamation. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

5. **Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – 9 vac.**

There were no nominations at this time so this item was rolled to the next meeting.

6. **Nursing / Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee – 1 vac.**

Commissioner Young nominated Linda Mohring for position #15. Chairman Moyer nominated Carol Harness as recommended by the Chair for position #15. This item was rolled to the next meeting.

7. **Senior Volunteer Services Advisory Council – 1 vac.**

There were no nominations at this time so this item was rolled to the next meeting.

Appointment of Commissioner Representatives

This is the usual meeting in which the Board discusses nominations to boards and committees. Each Board had received a proposed list of representatives for 2010.

Chairman Moyer made the motion that the Board approves the proposed list of Commissioner Representatives.

Commissioner McGrady was concerned that the list has not changed much over the years and felt the Board should rotate the positions on a more regular basis.

All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Agriculture Advisory Board	Mark Williams
Apple Country Greenway Commission	Chuck McGrady
Asheville Regional Airport Authority Board	Chuck McGrady
Asheville-Henderson Water Issues Committee	Larry Young & Chuck McGrady
Cane Creek Water and Sewer District Advisory Committee	Charlie Messer
CJPP Task Force (Criminal Justice Partnership Program)	Charlie Messer
Community Child Protection Team	Chuck McGrady
Downtown Hendersonville Inc.	Bill Moyer
Environmental Advisory Committee	Chuck McGrady
Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee	Bill Moyer & Charlie Messer
French Broad River MPO – Transportation Advisory Committee	Chuck McGrady & Bill Moyer
Governmental Financing Corporation	Bill Moyer & Mark Williams
Henderson County Board of Health	Larry Young
Henderson County Planning Board	Mark Williams
Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee	Chuck McGrady & Bill Moyer
Heritage Museum Board (HC Historic Courthouse Corporation)	Bill Moyer
Hospital Corporation Board of Directors	Bill Moyer
Joint College Facility Committee	Bill Moyer & Chuck McGrady
Joint School Facilities	Bill Moyer & Larry Young
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	Bill Moyer
Land-of-Sky Regional Council	Chuck McGrady
Library Board of Trustees	Larry Young
Local Emergency Planning Committee	Bill Moyer
Local Government Committee of Cooperative Action	Bill Moyer & Charlie Messer
Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County (MSD)	Charlie Messer & Chuck McGrady
Recreation Advisory Board	Charlie Messer
Social Services Board	Chuck McGrady
Solid Waste Advisory Committee	Chuck McGrady
Travel & Tourism Committee	Larry Young
Water Supply & Distribution Task Force	Bill Moyer & Mark Williams
Western Highlands Local Management Entity	Charlie Messer

RECREATION RELATED FUNDING REQUESTS

Chairman Moyer noted that staff recently received several requests from a number of different agencies with respect to funding for recreation related projects. To provide the Board with a comprehensive discussion of all these requests, representatives from Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy, the Edneyville Community and the Henderson County Soccer Association gave a brief presentation regarding their proposals. It was noted that some money was available for recreation related funding but at this time the amount and requirements were unknown. PARFT Grants are usually used for Parks and Recreation related items. With County projects, PARTF Grants require a 50% match from the County.

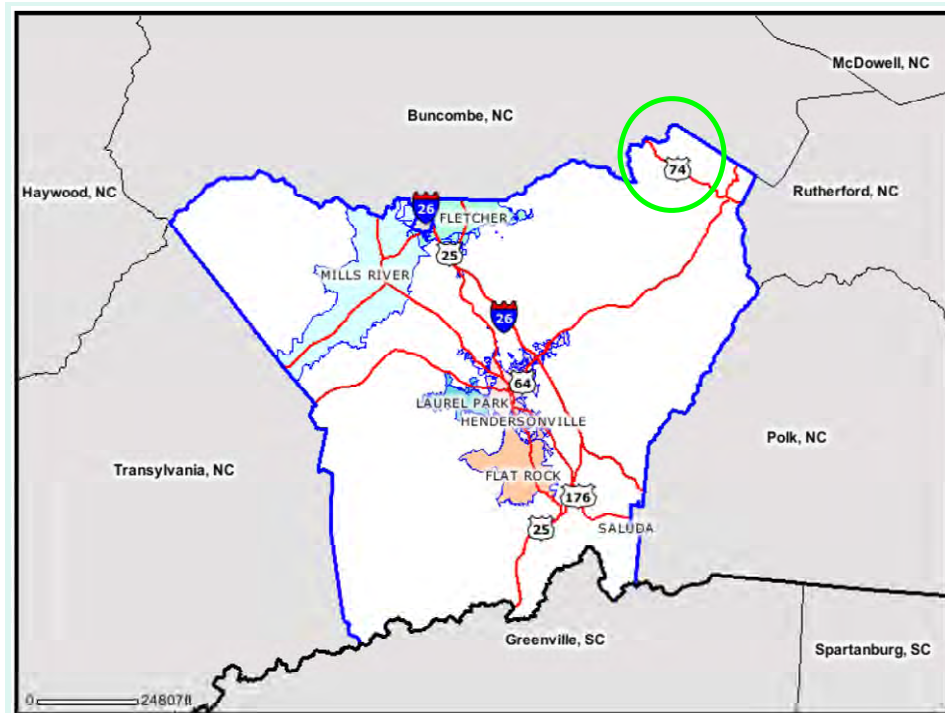
Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy (CMLC)

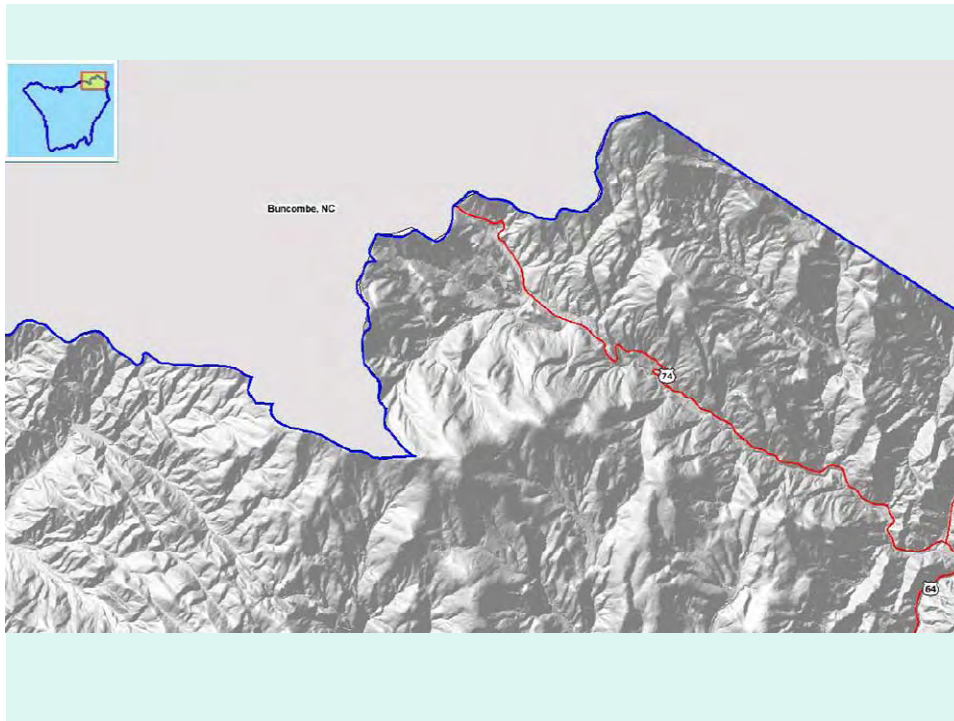
Kieran Roe, Executive Director of CMLC provided a power-point presentation highlighting the Upper Hickory Nut Gorge Trail Project. CMLC is a local non-profit organization celebrating their fifteenth year. They have protected about twenty thousand acres in those 15 years working on a completely voluntary basis with landowners in Henderson, Transylvania, and parts of the neighboring counties.

Upper Hickory Nut Gorge Trail Project:
A proposed parks and recreation partnership between Henderson County
and the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy



View of Bearallow Mountain from the Hickory Nut Gorge



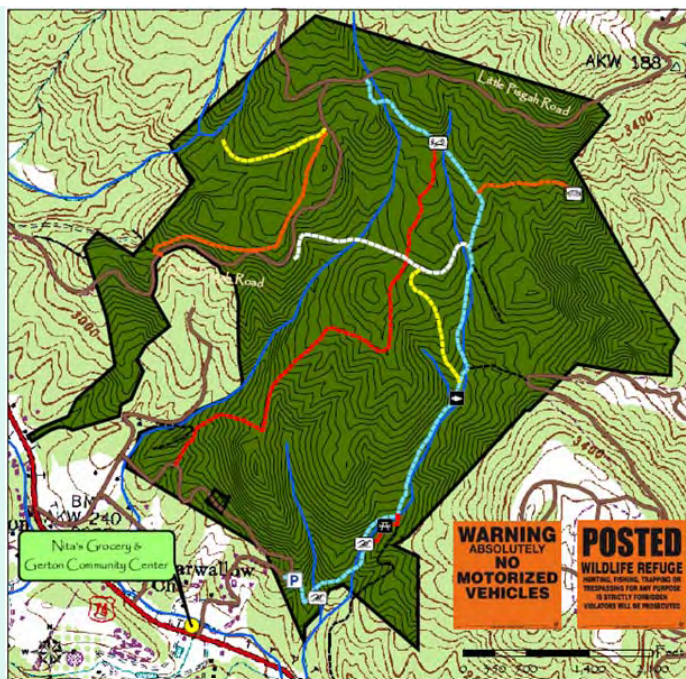


Proposed Upper HNG Trail Project:

- Significantly extend the existing local trail network
- Provide a more visible and prominent trailhead for public access to County residents and visitors
- Help to permanently conserve one of Henderson County's iconic natural assets – the scenic peak of Bearwallow Mountain.

Existing Resources: Florence Nature Preserve

- 600-acre Nature Preserve on Little Pisgah Mountain
- Owned by the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy (CMLC) and open to members of the general public for hiking and recreational enjoyment
- Primary entry presently used is via a private road near Nita's Grocery Store



The Florence Nature Preserve Trail Map

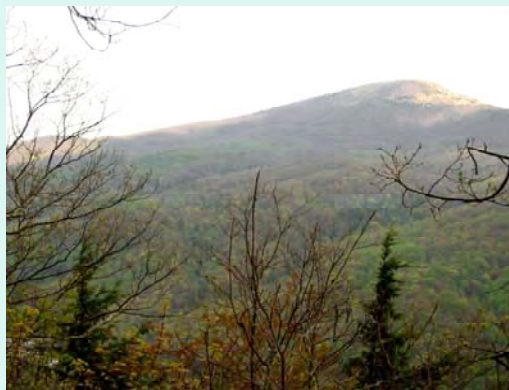
Existing Resources: Hickory Nut Forest

- A conservation-based residential subdivision south of US-74 in Gerton
- 35 acres of the subdivision are protected by a permanent conservation easement donated to CMLC
- Additional undeveloped acres and a network of trails link from US-74 to the top of Little Bearwallow Mountain.
- Trails not presently accessible to the general public.

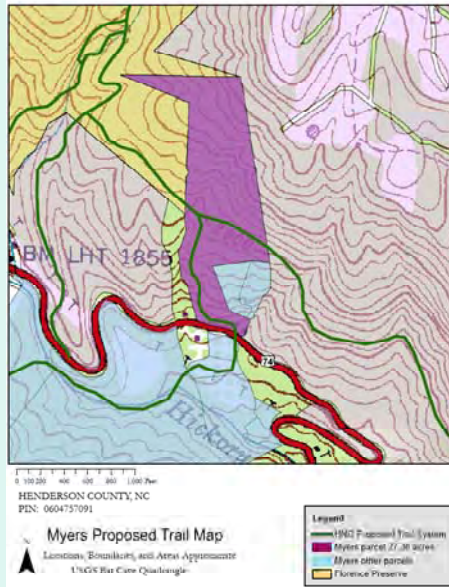


Existing Resources: Bearwallow Mountain

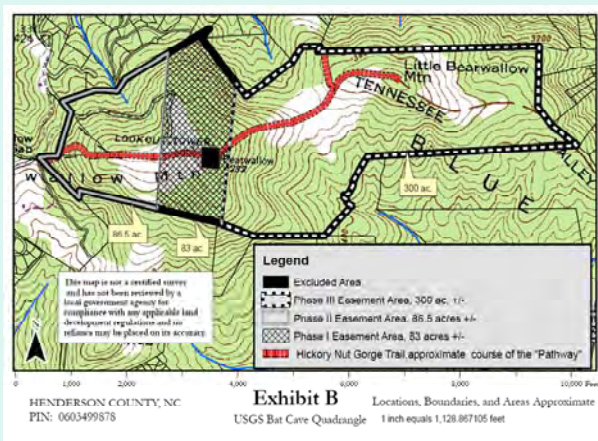
- Elevation 4,232 feet
- Spectacular 360-degree views from the summit
- Landowners have permitted public access to the peak.
- Landowners hope to conserve the 470-acre summit in stages, with Phase I completed December 2009

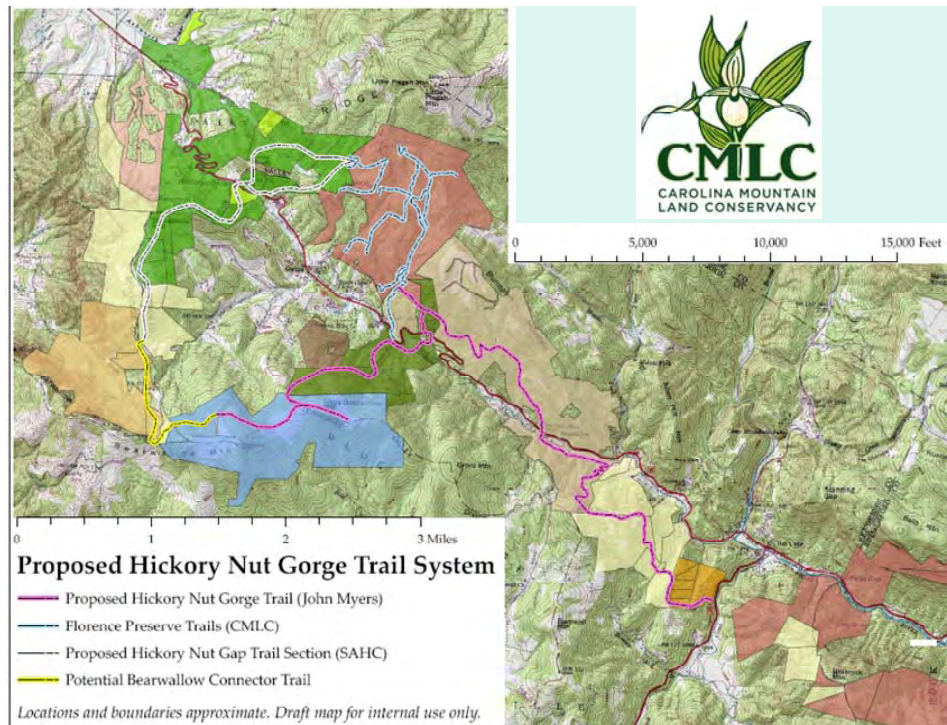


Expanded Public Trail Network in the Upper HNG: Myer Tract Acquisition (27 acres)



Expanded Public Trail Network in the Upper HNG: Bearwallow Mountain Conservation Phase II





Project Budget

Project Expense

Purchase and Trail/Trailhead Development of Myers Property	\$380,000
Purchase Bearwallow Conservation Easement & Trail Access	\$545,000
Total Project Expense	\$925,000

Project Income

N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)	\$450,000
Henderson County	\$365,000
N.C. Recreational Trails Program	\$75,000
<u>Landowner Donated Land Value</u>	<u>\$35,000</u>
Total Project Income	\$925,000

Project Supports the *Henderson County 2020 Comprehensive Plan*

- *Recommendation N-02*: Protect Water Quality.
- *Recommendation N-03*: Promote development patterns that respect sensitive mountainous areas.
- *Recommendation N-05*: Protect key sites of historical and cultural significance from development.
- *Recommendation R-02*: Form a community and regional greenway network.
- *Other Goal H*. Promote the county's recreation infrastructure as an economic asset.
- *Recommendation GMS-01*: Direct growth to areas where essential services and infrastructure are present, and protect sensitive natural areas and key historic/cultural resources from extensive development.

Chairman Moyer noted that the Board would not be making a decision at this meeting. This meeting was for presentation of information only. The Budget Workshop is scheduled for January 20, 2010 and this would allow the Board time to review the information prior to that meeting.

Commissioner McGrady asked Mr. Roe if there were any restrictions on PARTF Grants being used for conservation easements where full title to the land would not be held by a governmental entity.

Mr. Roe responded that in previous experiences, acquiring a conservation easement was required which served as match to the parks and recreation trust fund.

Commissioner McGrady noted with the clean water trust fund there are no issues. He was not aware of the restrictions with a PARTF Grant.

Chairman Moyer stated what he has been told in writing a year or so ago is that the County must own legal title to the land if they were involved in a PARTF Grant. He questioned if legal title to a conservation easement would qualify.

Commissioner McGrady noted that this issue must be absolutely clear before he is ready to make consideration.

Mr. Roe felt the easement may have to be acquired by the County.

Attorney Russ Burrell understood that the regulations require the County to purchase the easement which would be considered as their match. The PARTF funds could not be used to purchase the easement. County funds would have to be used to purchase the easement.

Chairman Moyer requested that Mr. Roe get clarification prior to the January 20, 2010 meeting.

Edneyville Community Park

Margaret Davidson and Fred Pittillo shared information in regards to plans for the Edneyville Community Plan completion.

Mr. Pittillo noted in the current economic conditions the team felt it was not wise to expect monies that could not be appropriated to complete jobs. The Edneyville Community Club instead looked at areas that could be fixed; grounds, ball field, walking trail, etc. A landscape planning architect has been hired, Mr. Hunter Marks, to help put together figures and information of what needs to be done. Mr. Pittillo shared pictures with the Board and audience. A future phase of the project includes a gymnasium. The next phase includes landscaping, a little league ball field, multi-purpose field and walking trail. The Edneyville Community Club is willing to put up approximately \$50,000 or 10% of the project to help entice the program to continue.

Chairman Moyer questioned if the first phase could be completed in this fiscal year and the second phase in the following fiscal year. He further questioned if the \$50,000 would apply if only phase I were complete in this fiscal year.

Mr. Pittillo responded it could be done in phases. Mrs. Davidson responded the \$50,000 would be used as needed.

Discussions followed in regards to artificial turf being used versus a turf field and the cost difference.

Ms. Davidson stated that they were requesting another PARTF Grant to move ahead with the gymnasium.

EDNEYVILLE COMMUNITY PARK
OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST
MASTER PLAN BASIC LEVEL ESTIMATE
JANUARY 04 2010

ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT	COST	TOTAL PHASE I	TOTAL PHASE II	COMMENTS
General Site						
Earthwork						
Erosion Control	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		Includes trenching, fencing, backfill, maintenance, removal, trench backfill.
Unclassified Excavation (Cut and Fill)	1	LS	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00		
Strip, stockpile and replace topsoil	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		as required
Subtotal				\$35,000.00		
Parking (Lots B, C & D)						
Base stone	2,910	SY	\$8.00		\$23,280.00	6" placed and compacted
Paving (Lots B & C only)	1	LS	\$16,800.00		\$16,800.00	2" asphalt; 16,100SF
Striping, Signage (Lots B & C only)	1	LS	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	
Subtotal					\$41,080.00	
Storm Drainage						
Grass swales-grading and sodding	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		8' width
18" HDPE	120	LF	\$35.00	\$4,200.00		
24" HDPE	50	LF	\$40.00	\$2,000.00		
Subtotal				\$16,200.00		
Ballfield						
200' Field Construction	1	LS	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00		Compacting fill, laser grading.
Sod infield, outfield, surrounding common areas	5,900	SY	\$5.00	\$29,500.00		
Imported Topsoil	1,000	CY	\$12.00	\$12,000.00		Necessary if existing topsoil is not adequate; 6" depth
Skinned Infield Materials	25	CY	\$40.00		\$1,000.00	4" depth
Infield Construction	1	LS	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	
Fencing-backstop only	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		Galvanized
Mound construction	1	LS	\$500.00		\$500.00	
Bases, home plates, pitching rubber, foul poles, etc.	1	AL	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
Bleachers	2	EA	\$3,000.00		\$6,000.00	
Subtotal				\$60,500.00	\$10,500.00	

Landscaping/Hardscape					
Shade Trees	100	EA	\$250.00		\$25,000.00
Ornamental Trees	25	EA	\$200.00		\$5,000.00
Evergreen Trees	20	EA	\$200.00		\$4,000.00
Shrubs, perennials, groundcover, mulch	1	AL	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
Common Area Seeding	500,000	SF	\$0.05	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Entry feature/Sign	1	AL	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
Pavilion	3	EA	\$12,000.00		\$36,000.00
8' Trail-grading	6000	LF	\$2.50	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Mulch for trail	600	CY	\$25.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Pedestrian Bridges	3	EA	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
Trash receptacles, benches, picnic tables w/concrete pads	1	AL	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
Multi-purpose field	1	LS	\$12,000.00		\$12,000.00
Lighting-ball field and parking areas					
Subtotal				\$32,500.00	\$130,000.00
SUBTOTAL					
PROJECT INITIATION (6.5%)				\$144,200.00	\$181,580.00
CONTINGENCY (15%)				\$9,373.00	\$11,802.70
TOTAL				\$175,203.00	\$220,619.70
Community Center Building Area					
Parking (Lot A)					
Includes play area, parking lot 'A'					
Base stone	1	LS	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Condition existing base for paving
Paving	1	LS	\$19,100.00	\$19,100.00	2" asphalt; 18,300SF
Striping, Signage	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Subtotal				\$22,100.00	
Landscaping/Hardscape					
Additional sidewalk	400	SF	\$6.00		\$2,400.00
Trash receptacles, benches, picnic tables w/concrete pads	1	AL	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Connection to overflow lots
Shade Trees	35	EA	\$250.00	\$8,750.00	
Ornamental Trees	9	EA	\$200.00	\$1,800.00	
Evergreen Trees	12	EA	\$200.00	\$2,400.00	
Shrubs, perennials, groundcover, mulch	1	AL	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	
Subtotal				\$20,450.00	\$2,400.00
SUBTOTAL					
PROJECT INITIATION (6.5%)				\$42,550.00	\$2,400.00
CONTINGENCY (15%)				\$2,765.75	\$156.00
TOTAL				\$51,698.25	\$2,916.00
Design Fees					
Civil	1	LS	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00
Land Planning	1	LS	\$15,000.00	\$11,250.00	\$3,750.00
Surveyor	1	LS	\$7,500.00	\$5,625.00	\$1,875.00
Subtotal				\$31,875.00	\$10,625.00
SUBTOTAL					
PROJECT INITIATION (6.5%)				\$31,875.00	\$10,625.00
CONTINGENCY (15%)				\$2,071.88	\$690.63
TOTAL				\$38,728.13	\$12,909.38
SUBTOTAL					
				\$265,629.38	\$236,445.08

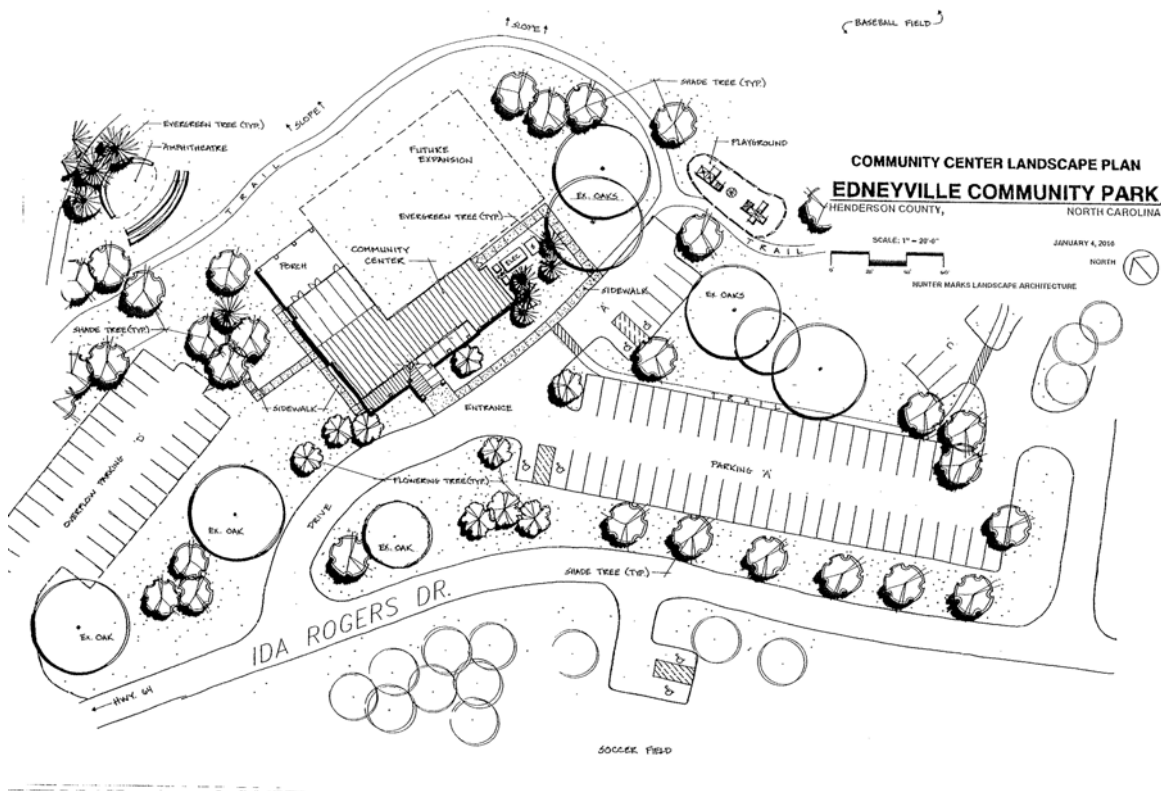
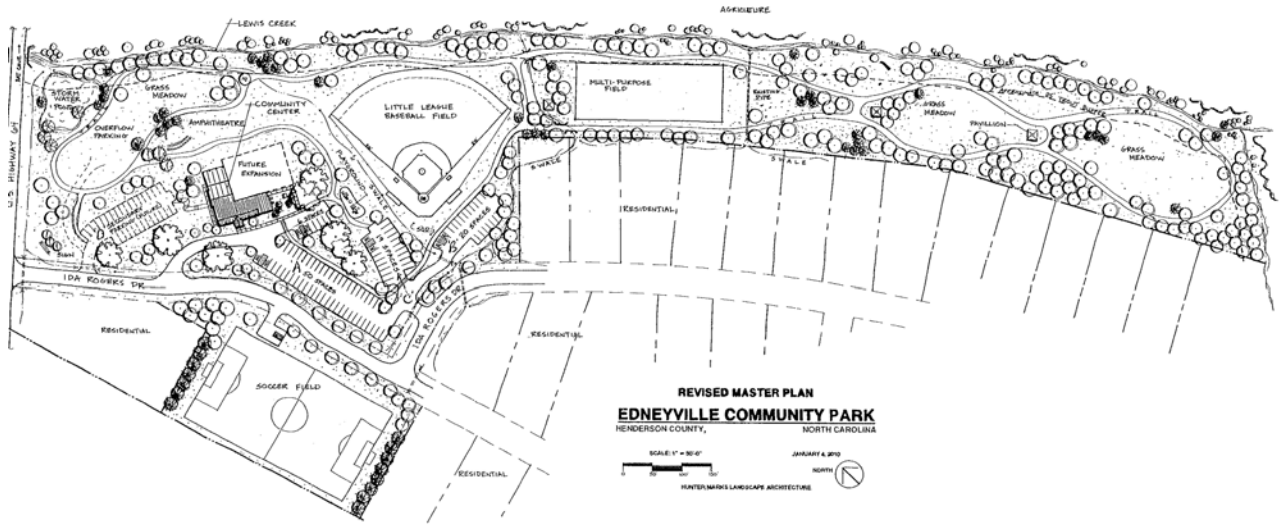
PHASE I TOTALS

General Site	\$175,203.00
Community Center Building Area	\$51,698.25
Design Fees	\$38,728.13
TOTALS	\$265,629.38

PHASE II TOTALS

General Site	\$220,619.70
Central Building Area	\$2,916.00
Design Fees	\$12,909.38
TOTALS	\$236,445.08

TOTAL PHASE I AND II **\$502,074.45**



Henderson County Soccer Association
Clement Riddle, president of the Henderson County Soccer Association provided the following information via a power-point presentation.



Henderson County Soccer Association Soccer Park

January 4, 2010

A public – private partnership

6/7/2008



- The Henderson County Soccer Association, Inc. (HCSA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit and educational organization, was established in 2000.
- Our mission is to foster the physical, mental, and emotional growth of our youth through the sport of soccer.
 - Develop players by building and improving their skills and fitness
 - Develop coaches through a high quality instructional program
 - Promote and encourage high standards of sportsmanship

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WHY IS HCSA SO ACTIVE!

- Approximately 1,300 young people playing a year
- Approximately 600 adult league players
- There are no regulation size dedicated soccer fields in the town, county, or city
- HCSA needs 8 regulation size grass fields or 4 regulation size synthetic turf fields to meet the needs of the players
- These fields will be used by recreation, academy, challenge, classic, and adult players (managed facility – normal park hours)

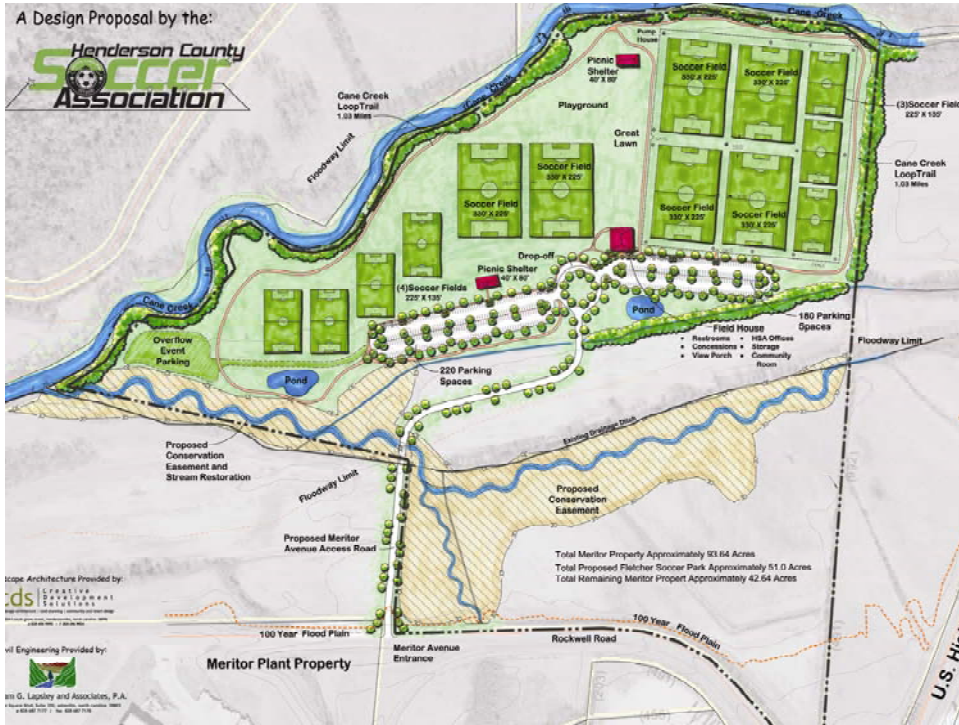
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Facilities Needs Assessment Report Henderson County Parks and Recreation December 3, 2007

- 5 public input session
- Soccer Complex was identified as a top priority
- Report estimates between 6 and 11 million dollars may be needed for such a facility
- HCSA Soccer park will have a 1 mile walking trail
- Master plan includes picnic shelters, playground and restrooms

6/7/2008



HCSA Build-a-Field Campaign Progress:

- Secured Long term lease - 25 years (with option for 10 more years)
- Commencement of Private fund raising campaign
- HCSA submitted two Grant applications
- Final master planning with multi –uses: walking trails, picnic areas, playground, restroom facilities, lights



HCSA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed Final Engineering Plans (William G. Lapsley and Associates)
- Prepared detailed Cost Estimates
- 1 foot contour survey of property
- Obtained zoning compliance permit
- Finished sediment and erosion control plans

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William G. Lapsley & Associates
MERITOR PARK PHASE I

Phase I - Our paved parking area, NO restrooms, trail, playground, lighting
 Road construction includes from construction easement through surrounding

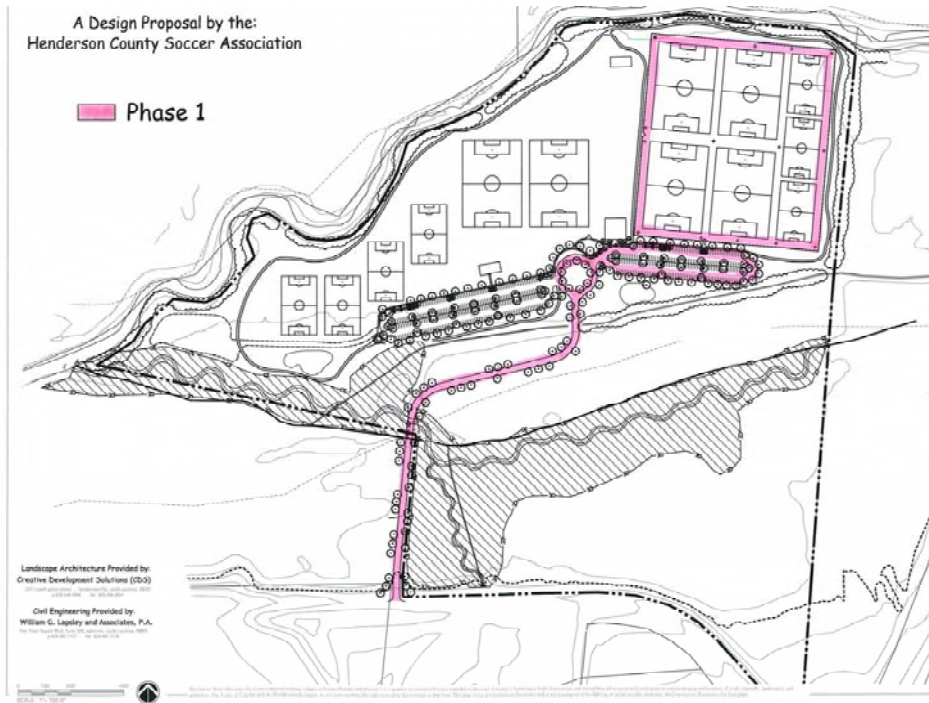
No.	Description	UNIT	QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
1	Foundation, Concrete curb Staking	LS	1	\$5,000	\$5,000
2	Clearing & Grubbing	AC	2	\$7,000	\$14,000
3	Earthwork	LS	1	\$150,000	\$150,000
4	4" ABC Stone Base for Road	TN	1,300	\$22	\$28,600
5	AST (Open Seal) Paving for Road	SY	2,750	\$4	\$10,820
6	4" ABC Stone Base for Parking	TN	2,450	\$22	\$53,900
7	631 (Open Seal) Paving for Parking	SY	4,800	\$4	\$22,320
8	Curb & Gutter (Stands)	LF	1,200	\$15	\$18,000
9	Concrete Sidewalk	SY	300	\$5	\$1,500
10	HDPE 5 mm Drainage	LF	3,650	\$23	\$86,250
11	Drainage Basins	EA	25	\$750	\$18,750
12	Protection Fleece	LS	1	\$30,000	\$30,000
13	Protection Cloth of Liner	LF	500	\$8	\$4,000
14	Stabilized Construction Entrance	EA	1	\$1,200	\$1,200
15	Wp/Rap G-His Protection	EA	3	\$500	\$1,500
16	Gravel Inlet Protection	EA	25	\$175	\$4,375
17	Site Fencing	LF	3,000	\$4	\$12,000
18	Planting Loc Trees	EA	35	\$750	\$26,250
19	Planting Striping	LS	1	\$1,200	\$1,200
20	Field Seeding (Spring)	AC	12	\$3,000	\$36,000
21	Ingration Pump System, 1/2" Max Well	LS	1	\$75,000	\$75,000
22	Ingration Distribution	LS	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
23	Other Seeding and Mulching	AC	9	\$2,000	\$18,000
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION					\$647,431
24	Contingency		5%		\$32,371
25	HIC Erosion Control Permit	AC	23	\$400	\$9,200
26	Town of Fletcher Permits	LS	1	\$150	\$150
27	Engineering	LS	1	\$12,000	\$12,000
GRAND TOTAL					\$710,148
S&V					\$710,148

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Note: Estimate does not include power, soil amendments, and does not affect potential re-orientation



PHASE 1

- 4 Full Size Grass Fields (11 vs 11)
- 3 U-12 Fields (8 vs 8)
- Bermuda grass and irrigation
- 180 parking spaces
- 1 picnic shelter

Full size fields can be multi-striped for all age groups

- Consistent playing conditions
- HCSA can host home matches for our travel soccer teams
- Managed facility

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- **Equipment**

HCSA will provide goals, nets, corner flags, paint etc. for all soccer fields.

- **Maintenance**

HCSA will provide all necessary maintenance associated with the fields in Phase 1.

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HCSA Capital Campaign

- HCSA has received private and business pledges in the amount of \$119,500
- HCSA has received in-kind donations of approximately \$100,000
- HCSA respectfully requests that Henderson County match our efforts with a 50 % contribution of \$355,000 distributed over a 3 year period.

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Why should Henderson County support this project?

- This project will meet the number one need identified in the Henderson County Facilities needs Assessment Report.
- There are more than 1,300 young people and 600 adult players playing soccer each year.
- There are no dedicated regulation sized dedicated soccer fields in the county.
- Master plan includes walking trails, picnic shelters, and playgrounds.



"Dribble down effect"

Youth tournament boosts local economy 4/30/2003

- "according to projections from the Asheville area Chamber of Commerce, soccer fans won't be the only locals benefiting from the tournament (80 teams), Chamber estimates that the hordes of families flocking to the area will have a 1.6 million dollar impact on the local economy."
- "that impact goes beyond hotels and restaurants, there's also incidental shopping, souvenirs, they buy gas, eat in restaurants...this money is spread around."



HCSA Revenue

- Annual player fees
- Concessions
- Merchandise
- Tournaments
- Advertisements
- Fund raising

HCSA retains a CPA to manage accounts and file annual tax returns

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Henderson County Wins with a professionally designed soccer facility!

- Central location where families come together to enjoy our community
- Highest and best use of the land
- Significant economic benefit within Henderson County
- Athletes of all ages and skill levels will have quality game and practice fields
- Civic pride
- Increased community marketability
- Healthy and active families are proud to call Henderson County home

6/7/2008



Chairman Moyer questioned if HCSA was asking for a PARTF Grant.

Mr. Riddle responded no they were not asking for a PARTF Grant, it would be a straight contribution. At this time they are not seeking funds from Fletcher, however they are a part of the lease agreement, waiving the first three years of the lease. The State of North Carolina is building approximately the first 1500 feet of the road along with a conservation easement and stream restoration project. A PARTF Grant may be requested in the future. HCSA hopes to complete the phase I of the project by fall of 2011.

Chairman Moyer stated that he was unsure if a long term lease would qualify for a PARTF Grant.

Commissioner McGrady questioned HCSA in regards to natural turf versus artificial turf.

Mr. Riddle responded that artificial turf provides a good playing surface all the time. HCSA has applied for a grant with the US Soccer Foundation for \$175,000 toward building an artificial turf field.

Commissioner Messer stated that the Recreation Advisory Board has heard this presentation. There are not enough fields and the idea is supported. It is a win, win situation.

Chairman Moyer stated this would be the first project that the County has put money into where the County does not have control or maintenance. It would not be a public park. This is a significant step to consider.

It was the consensus of the Board to ask the Recreation Advisory Board to rank among the three presentations and give their opinion as to which is of the highest priority before the budget workshop.

County Manager Steve Wyatt requested that the Assistant County Manager Selena Coffey get the Advisory Board together in the next three weeks and have them prioritize the three presentations.

AGRICULTURE PRESERVATION PLAN

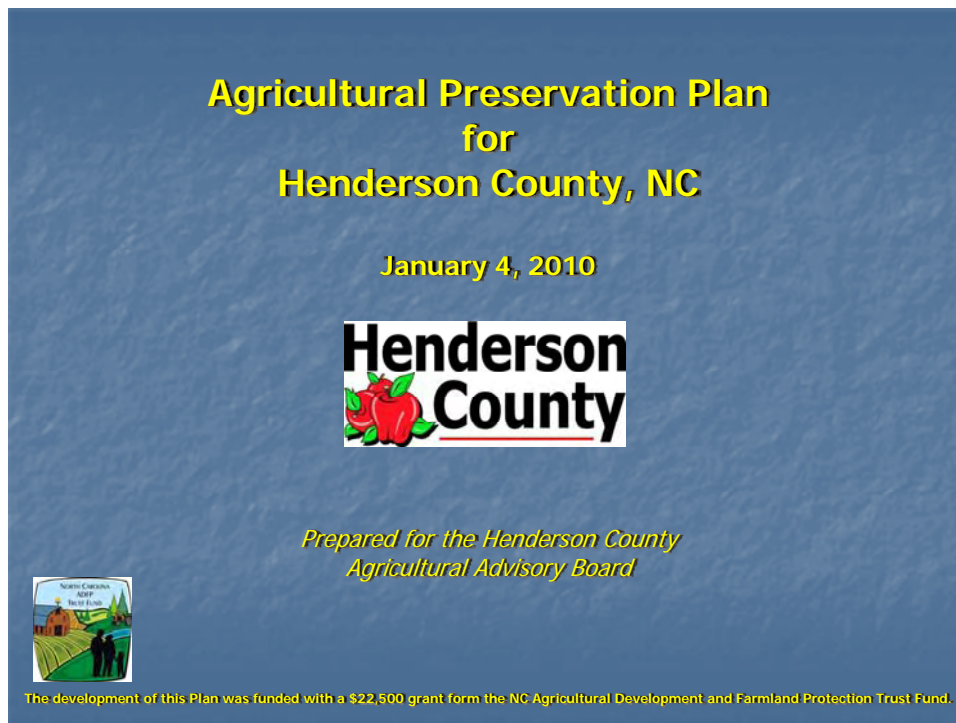
The Henderson County Agricultural Advisory Committee has submitted the Agriculture Preservation Plan as provided in the agenda for review by the Board of Commissioners. The purpose of this plan is to present a

set of recommendations to assist government leaders in preserving agriculture in Henderson County by promoting agricultural economic development and farmland protection.

The Plan has been approved by the Henderson County Agricultural Advisory Board, which will provide leadership in its implementation. The Henderson county Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt the plan, and by doing so committing to consider the actions requested by the Agricultural Advisory Board and to implement those determined to be feasible.


Commissioner Mark Williams noted a little over a year ago it came to the Board's attention that there were funds being provided at state level. The Board began seeking the funds for agriculture, agriculture development and sustainability earlier in the year. The funding that is available is a NC Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund. In 2007 there was approximately \$8 million in funding. In 2008 there was approximately \$4 million in funding. Several projects in the County prompted the Agriculture Advisory Board to look into what it would take to pursue some of the funds. We were successful in getting \$300,000 through that grant funding for a cold storage facility in Edneyville which had a direct impact on at least twenty different growers that were having apple packed by this facility. Part of the funding requires a 30% match funding if the County does not have an agricultural preservation plan in place that has been approved by the state. Henderson County has for some time had agriculture plans in place even now as part of the comprehensive plan which went into effect in 2004. This does not satisfy the requirement of the state to be eligible for a higher percentage of funding. This document was presented to the state and several folks in the Agriculture Department including DeWitt Hardy reviewed the document and found it to meet all criteria set forth and stated that it actually far exceeded criteria. They were pleased with the document and felt that a good job had been done. This is another opportunity to show how important agriculture is to Henderson County.

Representatives of the Agricultural Advisory Committee were at the meeting to present the plan, and answer any questions from the Board. Theron Maybin, Chair provided the following information via a power-point presentation.




**Agricultural Preservation Plan
for
Henderson County, NC**

January 4, 2010



*Prepared for the Henderson County
Agricultural Advisory Board*



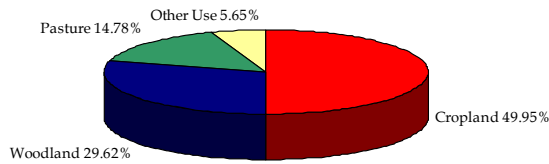
The development of this Plan was funded with a \$22,600 grant from the NC Agricultural Development and Farmland Protection Trust Fund.

County Agriculture

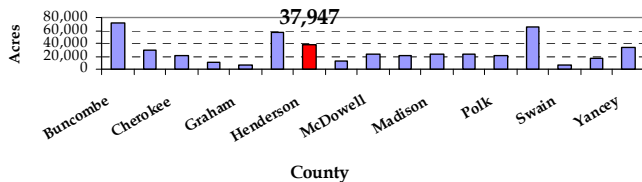
- 1,645 employees and \$18.5 million payroll in 2007
- average annual cash receipts of \$141,579,982 between 2000 and 2007
- 3rd in the state in 2007 in crop cash receipts
- 1st in the state in 2007 in Nursery/Greenhouse
- 1st in WNC in 2007 in Fruits/Vegetables/Nuts/Berries
- 557 farms in 2007
- 37,947 acres of active farmland in 2007
- 10,672 acres of farmland lost between 2002 and 2007
- Agribusiness provides over 16% of the county's gross product



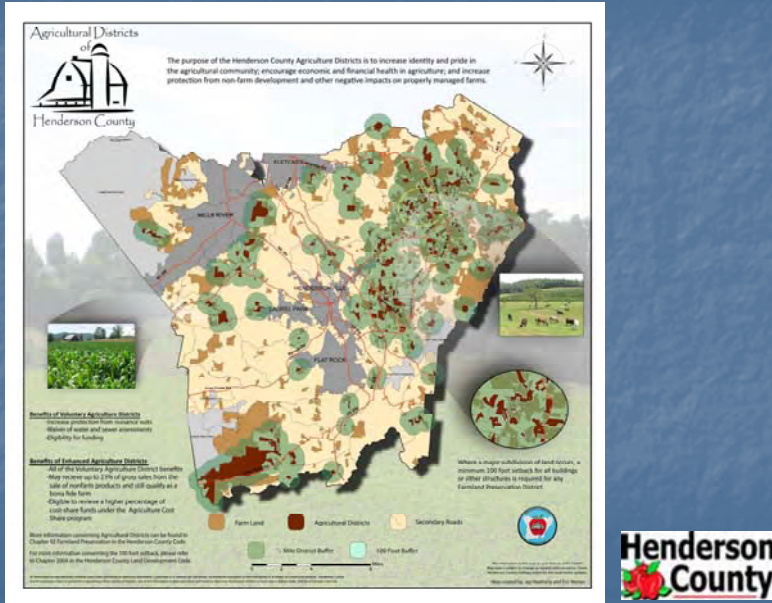
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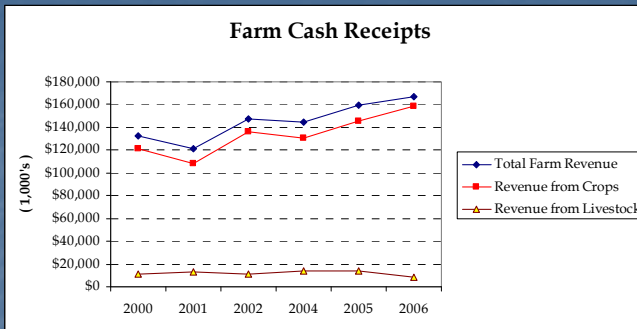
2007 Land in Farms for Western Mountain Counties



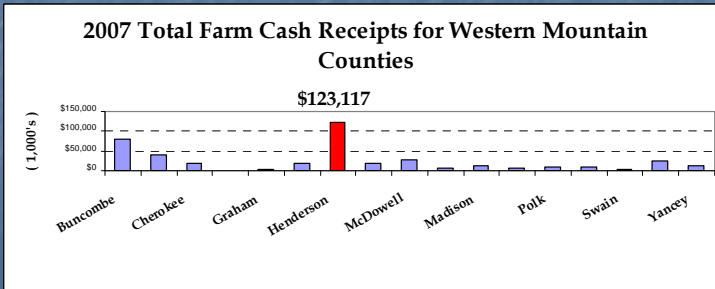
Voluntary Ag District Map

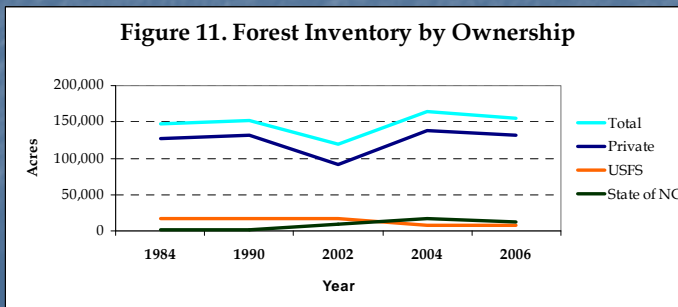
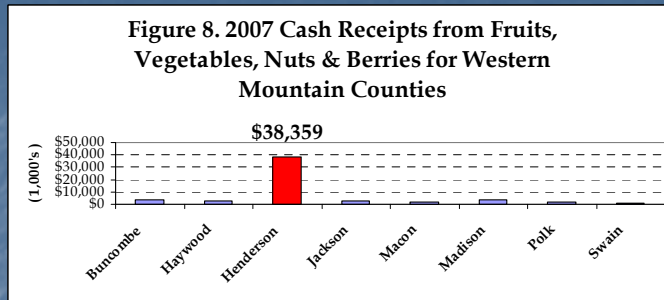
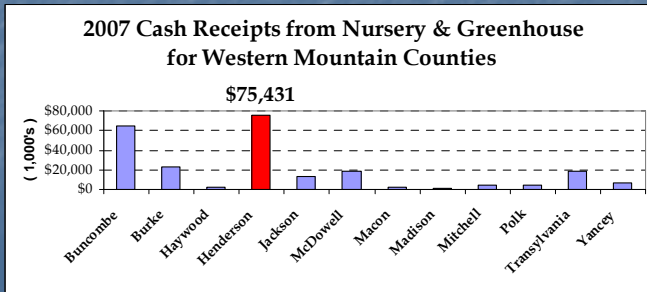
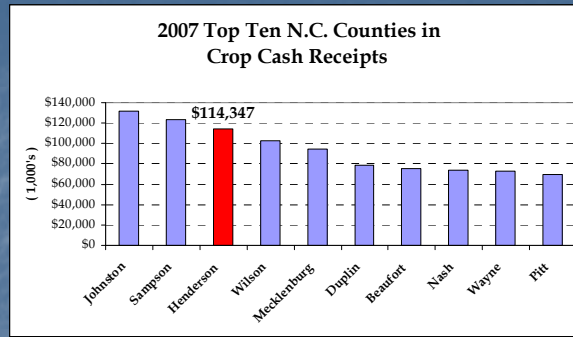


Farm Cash Receipts



2007 Total Farm Cash Receipts for Western Mountain Counties





Strengths

Challenges

- Low profitability
- Need for infrastructure
- Residential growth
- Labor shortage
- Aging farmer population
- Cumbersome food safety rules
- Unsafe road conditions

Recommendations

- Increase enrollment in Ag Districts
- Increase inventory of rental land
- Increase investment in Ag economic development
- Expand role and membership of Ag Board
- Educate the public & develop Ag web site
- Establish an Ag Development Director
- Improve driving conditions for farm equipment
- Perform an Ag Impact Assessment on proposed policies and plans
- Advocate for the industry
- Follow the recommendations of the 2020 Comprehensive and Community Plans



Mr. Maybin stated if you go into most local grocery stores you will see names of local farmers. He presented the plan to the Commissioners for approval.

County Tax Assessor/Collector Stan Duncan pointed out the importance of agricultural and horticultural in Henderson County and the impact on the entire western part of the state. Counties of Buncombe, Haywood and Rutherfordton have more land and actual farming activities. These counties along with Madison County have a greater number of farms. Henderson County dwarfs all of the other counties in terms of cash receipts brought in, which points to the efficiency, vitality and strength of the agriculture industry within Henderson County. The next nearest county to Henderson County, in total cash receipts, is Buncombe County and it is 45% less than Henderson County. We are by far the leader in the agricultural and horticultural industry and it is a vital part of our economic condition throughout the county along with other industries in the commercial markets as well.

Commissioner Williams stated that Henderson County ranks 3rd of 100 counties in total cash receipts for the state.

Chairman Moyer feels that industry is at a critical stage. This report shows that we are losing agriculture land. We stand risk of losing more farms and more open space unless we find ways to continue to make agriculture and horticulture profitable for everyone involved. The age of the growers and farmers is increasing and the younger people are not going into farming. Mr. Moyer felt that the Advisory Board did a good job with their recommendation by requesting that the Board adopts the plan, and by so doing to commit to consider the actions requested by the Agriculture Board and implement those determined to be feasible.

Commissioner Williams made the motion that the Board adopts the plan as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

BREAK

A break was taken in order to change video tapes.

MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT FUND ALLOCATION

County Manager Steve Wyatt stated that Henderson County has \$528,612 mandated for allocation for the provision of mental health services in the county for the period between November 1, 2009 and October 31, 2010. Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding applications were received by the county in late September and have been reviewed by Staff to determine funding recommendations. The matrix provided in the agenda outlines which agencies filed applications, what type of service they provide, condition of the agency, the funding amount requested and the funding amount recommended. The County is trying to make those decisions in the best way possible knowing that the needs for mental health services in the county continues to grow. These are critical needs and needs that affect the life of nearly every citizen in the county either directly or with a neighbor or child’s schoolmate. Henderson County has one of the higher per capita commitments ongoing that Mr. Wyatt is aware of in the State of North Carolina, certainly in Western North Carolina. In this particular year the requests are for \$701,071.00. The budget allows for \$528,612. Staff has taken the amount of available funds and divided it by the requests and determined the ability to fund at 75.4% of the requests. Staff suggests that the following funding at a 75.4% level which essentially allocates the MOE funding for the year.

The specific recommendations area:

Blue Ridge Community Health Services	\$ 43,167
Families Together Inc.	\$ 107,823
The Free Clinics – Psychiatric Services	\$ 33,930
The Free Clinics – Pharmacology	\$ 60,321
Henderson County Health Department	\$ 28,517
Mainstay	\$ 18,850
Parkway Behavioral Health	\$ 13,572
Sixth Avenue Psychiatric Rehabilitation	\$ 199,812
Vocational Solutions	<u>\$ 22,620</u>
Total	\$ 528,612

Chairman Moyer noted that in past years there were areas that the Commission could hold back and cut back to see how things developed. This is not true this year. He has previously recommended holding back monies in reserve in case critical issues arise. All requests received are valuable and need to be funded. He was in agreement with the staff recommendation. Chairman Moyer stated if we have critical situations that arise that need to be funded the Board needs to step up and be prepared to get the agencies through the year. We do not want to raise our MOE monies but he feels there are other ways we may be able to help agencies in critical need.

County Manager Steve Wyatt stated in previous years, from a cash flow standpoint, the County would do an immediate allocation of half of the approved amount and then stagger the remainder over the next six month period. He asked if the Board would like to continue the process the same.

Chairman Moyer said if we are paying them at the beginning of the quarter, we should pay the remainder over a nine month period paying the final quarter at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

Commissioner Young made the motion that the Board funds all of the agencies at 74.5% as recommended by staff for a total amount of \$528,612, less any monies that have already been advanced to any of the agencies from the allocation, and with the clear understanding that the agencies must work with the County Manager and then come to the Board should a critical situation arise where the Board may be faced with coming up with additional monies in the future to get the agencies through the end of the year. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

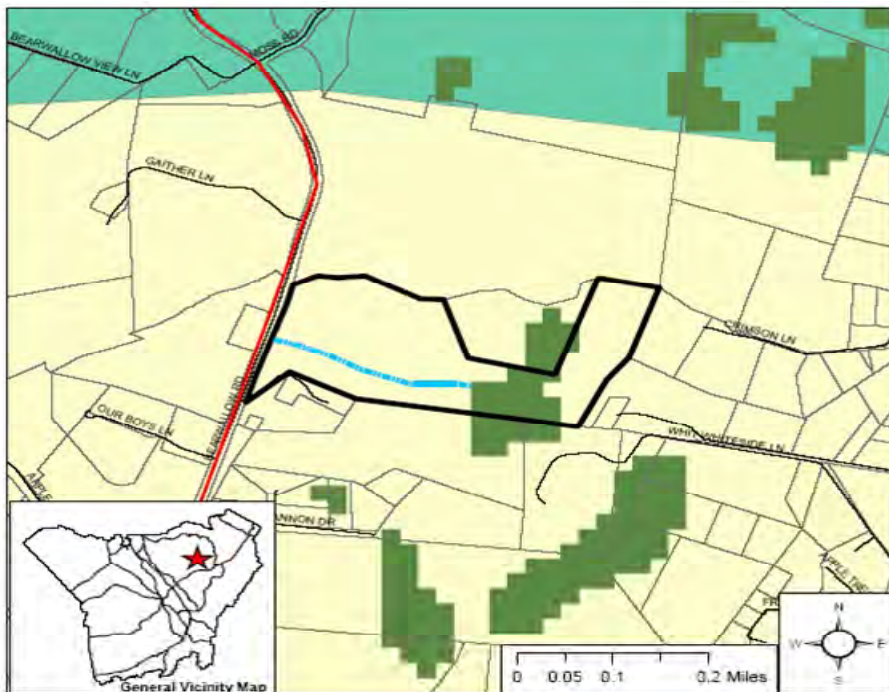
WATER LINE EXTENSION – BEARWALLOW GLEN

Planner Parker Sloan stated the City of Hendersonville has requested that the County comment on the

proposed water line extension for Bearwallow Properties Bearwallow Glen project. The proposed water line is 1,140 linear feet. The projects' location within the Rural Transition Area is consistent with the Henderson County 2020 Comprehensive Plan. A City of Hendersonville Project Summary Sheet, with backup documents and County Review Sheet with Staff comments, were provided for Board review and action.

Action by the Board of Commissioners is needed to either grant or deny this request. If the Board decides to approve the requested extension the following motion has been provided.

Commissioner McGrady made the motion that the Board approves the Bearwallow Glen water line extension and direct Staff to convey the County's comments to the City of Hendersonville. All voted in favor and the motion carried.



ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN SERVICES

Representatives from the Alliance for Human Services have asked to have the opportunity to address the Board of Commissioners regarding a proposal to disband the Alliance for Human Services.

A couple of weeks ago, staff met with representatives from County's Alliance for Human Services partners, the Community Foundation and the United Way, and was informed that the Alliance Executive Board of Directors has recommended that the Alliance be dissolved by June 30, 2010. The Alliance Board feels that it has served its "useful life" for two of its three funders, the Community Foundation and the United Way, and has suggested that the County consider appointing a volunteer committee to make funding recommendations on its human service non-profits. As you may be aware, the Alliance for Human Services was developed as a partnership between the County, the Community Foundation and the United Way after the County initiated the "Blue Ribbon Study on Human Services" in 1995 in order to identify duplicative services provided by non-profit agencies in the County. Subsequently, the Alliance became a 501c3 non-profit and began performing non-profit organizational accreditations, allocation reviews and deliberations. The dissolution of the Alliance for Human Services will impact the way in which the County makes its funding allocations to area human service non-profits and this is an issue that the Board will need to discuss.

President of the Alliance for Human Services Noel Watts stated that the Alliance has been considering their future since November with the idea that they will have to dissolve the non-profit organization. For about

ten years the Alliance has been working with three primary funders in Henderson County; Henderson County, Henderson County United Way, and the Community Foundation to credit and evaluate requests for funding for various agencies along with making recommendations. Due to lack of funding, the Alliance must be dissolved unless other decisions are made.

Chairman Moyer questioned who had changed their funding.

Mr. Watts responded that their request for funding to the Community Foundation was denied. They are currently operating from two sources. The expenses are for one part-time director and operationally for travel and phones.

Assistant County Manager Selena Coffey stated that the Alliance was a product of a committee that was formed in 1995 called the Blue Ribbon Committee on Human Services. The group was formed to take a look at human service agencies because several human service agencies within the county were duplicating services. Another goal was to provide a clearing house so that people in the community who needed these services would have a list of providers.

Commissioner McGrady felt the disbanding of the Alliance would mean less money for human services as it becomes much harder for the Commission to figure out what is best for each of the agencies.

Chairman Moyer stated that the Alliance has served well. Dealing with these decisions when they are political and wrestling with human services funding is difficult. It is a crime that the Community Foundation is pulling a plug on this. He recommended that a letter be sent to the Alliance explaining the situation and if the Alliance disbands, they are placing at risk any funding for human service agencies for the coming year. The Community Foundation and the United Way will be copied on the letter. The County Manager provided a draft of the letter to the Board and a copy is hereby attached and incorporated as a part of the minutes.

Commissioner McGrady made the motion to send a letter to the Alliance for Human Services as discussed and copy it to the Community Foundation and the United Way. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney's Report

There was nothing further at this time.

County Manager's Report

Mr. Wyatt reminded the Board of the January 20, 2010 budget workshop at 8:00 a.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

Set Public Hearing on 2008 Community Development Block Grant Application Update.

Commissioner McGrady made the motion that the Board schedules a public hearing for the 2008 SSH CDBG grant for Monday, February 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Set Public Hearing for Rezoning Application #R-2009-03

Commissioner McGrady made the motion that the Board schedules a public hearing for rezoning application #R-2009-03 for Monday, February 2, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner McGrady made the motion for the Board to go into closed session as allowed pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 for the following reasons:

1. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-318.11(a)(3), to consult with an attorney employed or

retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, in order to consider and give instructions to the attorney with respect to the following claim: All pending Property Tax Commission appeals.

Commissioner McGrady made the motion that the Board go out of closed session. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Commissioner McGrady made the motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Attest:

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board

William L. Moyer, Chairman