

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**  
**HENDERSON COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** 21 March 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Modification of Facilities Use Policy  
**PRESENTER:** Charles Russell Burrell  
**ATTACHMENT(S):** Current Facility Use Policy

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Your current Facilities Use Policy (page 1 of 5, revised most recently August 15, 2011) contains the following "Rules Governing Use of all Facilities and Grounds" concerning the Historic Courthouse:

3. The County facilities may not be reserved by commercial or partisan political groups. The only exception is for political meetings in accordance with N.C.G.S. 163-99 which allows political meeting for the purpose of biennial precinct meetings, county conventions and district conventions.

The recent situation involving the vacancy in the office of Sheriff was treated as an exception to this policy. To formalize this exception, the following is proposed in lieu of the foregoing:

3. The County facilities may not be reserved by commercial or partisan political groups. The only exception is for meetings of political organizations in accordance with N.C.G.S. 163-99, or such meetings which are held to perform a statutorily-imposed obligation (such as recommendation of a person to fill the unexpired term of a vacant office).

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Modification of the Facility Use Policy.

If the Board is so inclined, the following motion is suggested:

***I move that the Facility Use Policy be modified as stated in the Request for Board Action accompanying this agenda item.***