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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HENDERSON**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012**

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: Commissioner Michael Edney, Commissioner Tommy Thompson, Commissioner Grady Hawkins, Commissioner Larry Young, Commissioner Charlie Messer, County Manager Steve Wyatt, Interim Assistant County Manager David Whitson, Attorney Russ Burrell and Clerk to the Board Teresa Wilson.

Also present were: Public Information Officer Christy DeStefano, Finance Director J. Carey McLelland, Planning Director Anthony Starr, IT Director Becky Snyder, Engineer Marcus Jones, Assessor/Tax Collector Stan Duncan, Senior Planner Autumn Radcliff, Internal Auditor Darlene Burgess, Library Director Bill Snyder, Environmental Programs Coordinator Megan Piner, Sheriff Charles McDonald, Chief Deputy Rodney Raines, Research/Budget Analyst Amy Brantley, Building Services Director Tom Staufer, Sheriff's Department Business Manager Jack Westerhoff, and David Pierce as security.

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Commissioner Tommy Thompson called the meeting to order, noted this as the annual organizational meeting, and welcomed all in attendance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Micah and Noah Pierce, Grandson's of Commissioner Messer.

**SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER MESSER AND COMMISSIONER HAWKINS**

Chief District Judge Athena Brooks swore in Charles D. Messer and Grady H. Hawkins.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Russ Burrell opened the floor to nominations.

*Commissioner Hawkins nominated Larry Young for the position of Chairman. Commissioner Thompson nominated Charlie Messer for the position of Chairman. The Board was polled with the following results:*

- Commissioner Edney ~ Messer
- Commissioner Hawkins ~ Young
- Commissioner Messer ~ Messer
- Commissioner Thompson ~ Messer
- Commissioner Young ~ Young

*The meeting was turned over to Chairman Messer. Commissioner Thompson handed him the gavel and they exchanged seats.*

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

*Chairman Messer nominated Tommy Thompson for Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Hawkins made the motion to close nominations and accept the appointment of Tommy Thompson as Vice-Chairman by acclamation. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

Commissioner Edney left the meeting due to a family emergency.

DATE APPROVED:

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – ANTHONY STARR**

The Board of Commissioners requested the adoption of a Resolution of Appreciation for Anthony Starr, who has served as Henderson County’s Planning Director since June, 2006. Mr. Starr has accepted the Assistant Executive Director position with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments in Hickory, and his last day with Henderson County will be December 13, 2012. A copy of the resolution is hereby attached and incorporated in this set of minutes.

*Chairman Messer made the motion that the Board adopts the Resolution of Appreciation for Anthony Starr. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

**RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COMMISSIONER BILL O’CONNOR**

The Board of Commissioners presented a plaque to Bill O’Connor, recognizing his dedicated public service to the citizens of Henderson County and for his many valuable contributions in serving as a member of the Henderson County Board of Commissioners from December - 2010 through December - 2012, and as the Vice-Chairman of the Board in 2012.

County Manager Steve Wyatt presented a framed quote written April 23, 1910, by Theodore Roosevelt, called “The Man in the Arena” to Mr. O’Connor.

**DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA**

*Commissioner Hawkins made the motion that the Board strike from its consent agenda a proclamation request from the Human Relations Council naming Dec. 10 as "Human Rights Day". All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

*Commissioner Hawkins made the motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Commissioner Hawkins made the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda with the deletion of the proclamation for Human Rights Day. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

CONSENT AGENDA consisted of the following:

**Review of Public Officials’ Bond**

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §58-72-20 (and the Board’s Rules of Procedure), the next order of business at the Board’s annual organizational meeting is the annual review and approval of the size and issuer of the bonds for county public officials.

Under §58-72-20:

The bonds of the officers named in G.S. 58-72-10 shall be carefully examined on the first Monday in December of every year, and if it appears that the security has been impaired, or for any cause become insufficient to cover the amount of money or property or to secure the faithful performance of the duties of the office, then the bond shall be renewed or strengthened, the insufficient security increased within the limits prescribed by law, and the impaired security shall be made good; but no renewal, or strengthening, or additional security shall increase the penalty of said bond beyond the limits prescribed for the term of office.

The following are the current bond amounts:

<b>PUBLIC OFFICIAL</b>	<b>BOND AMOUNT</b>	<b>BOND COMPANY</b>
Charles McDonald, Sheriff (No new bond needed)	\$25,000.00	Fidelity and Deposit Co.
Nedra Whitlock Moles, Register of Deeds (No new bond needed)	\$50,000.00	Fidelity and Deposit Co.

Stan Duncan, Tax Collector	\$1,000,000.00	Fidelity and Deposit Co.
Lee King, Deputy Tax Collector	\$250,000.00	Fidelity and Deposit Co.
J. Carey McLelland, Finance Director	\$200,000.00	Fidelity and Deposit Co.

**Motion:**

*I move that the Board approves the public officials' bonds as proposed.*

**Minutes**

Draft minutes were presented for board review and approval of the following meeting(s):

November 21, 2012 – regularly scheduled meeting

**Tax Collector's Report**

Collections Specialist Luke Small had presented the Tax Collector's Report to the Commissioners dated November 21, 2012 for information only. No action was required.

**Financial Report/Cash Balance Report – October 2012**

The October 2012 County Financial Report/Cash Balance Report was provided for the Board's review and approval.

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

- Dues/Non-Profit Contributions – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter non-profit contributions paid in October
- Garage – fuel costs for October usage to be allocated out to all departments
- Emergency Management – one time purchase of capital outlay equipment (mobile light towers) approved in the current fiscal year budget
- Fire Services – annual emergency services equipment maintenance contract (\$45,600) paid in October
- Rescue Squad – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter non-profit contribution payment
- Mental Health – payment of mental health maintenance of effort funds appropriated for the fiscal year to Western Highlands Area Mental Health Authority
- Public Library – blanket purchase order encumbrance for the purchase of publications throughout the fiscal year
- Non-Departmental – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter property/liability and worker's comp insurance premiums paid and to be allocated out to all departments

The YTD deficit in the Emergency Telephone System (911) Fund is due to an annual debt service payment in August on financing for the 911 Center Renovation Project that began in August 2008. Fund balance of \$271,713 was appropriated to cover expenditures in this Fund for FY2013.

The YTD deficit in the CDBG – the Mud Creek Grant Project Fund and the CDBG – Talley Drive Grant Project 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 a timing delay in receiving payments – federal ICE revenues for October will not be received and posted until December 2012.

The YTD deficit in the Emergency Communications Upgrade Project will be reimbursed from General Fund Balance appropriated for these project expenditures.

**Motion:**

*I move that the Board of Commissioners approves the October 2011 County Financial Report and Cash Balance Report as presented.*

**Henderson County Public Schools Financial Reports – October 2012**

The Henderson County Public Schools October 2012 Financial Reports were provided for the Board’s information.

Motion:

*I move that the Board of Commissioners approves the Henderson County Public Schools October 2012 Financial Reports as presented.*

**Proclamation – Human Rights Day – December 10, 2012 – This item was not approved and removed from the consent agenda.**

**Clean Cities Certificate**

Henderson County was presented with a certificate from the United States Department of Energy, Clean Cities program for being a leader in reducing the nation’s dependence on imported oil through its commitment to advanced transportation technologies and participation in the Clean Cities Program.

**2013 Holiday Schedule – Public Library**

The Library, in past years, closed at 5:00 PM the day before County Holidays. The Library Board of Trustees requests that this modification to the official County Holiday Schedule, 2013, be approved.

<b>LIBRARY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2013</b>			
<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>		
<b>ML King, Jr.'s Birthday</b>	<b>Monday, January 21, 2013</b>	<b>Closed</b>	
	<b>Friday, March 29, 2013</b>	<b>Closed</b>	
<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Monday, May 27, 2013</b>	<b>Closed</b>	
	<b>Wednesday, July 3rd, 2013</b>		
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Monday, September 2, 2013</b>	<b>Closed</b>	
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 27, 2013</b>		
	<b>Thursday, November 28, 2013</b>	<b>Closed</b>	
	<b>Friday, November 29, 2013</b>	<b>Closed</b>	

**Engineering Department / Animal Services Holiday Alternate Calendar**

Provided for the Board's consideration and approval were the holiday calendars for the Solid Waste and Animal Services Divisions of the Engineering Department for the 2013 calendar year.

**Motion:**

*I move to approve the holiday calendars for the Solid Waste and Animal Services Divisions of the Engineering Department.*

**SOLID WASTE****Proposed Holiday Schedule for Solid Waste 2013**

<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>DATE(s)</b>	<b>WEEKDAY(s)</b>
New Year's Day	January 1, 2013	Tuesday
ML King Jr's Birthday	January 21, 2013	Monday
Good Friday	March 29, 2013	Friday
Memorial Day	May 27, 2013	Monday
Independence Day	July 4, 2013	Thursday
Labor Day	September 2, 2013	Monday
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2013	Monday
Thanksgiving	November 28, 2013	Thursday
Christmas	December 24 & 25, 2013	Tuesday & Wednesday

**ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER****Proposed Holiday Schedule 2013**

<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>DATE(s)</b>	<b>WEEKDAY(s)</b>
New Year's Day	January 1, 2013	Tuesday
ML King Jr's Birthday	January 21, 2013	Monday
Good Friday	March 29 & 30, 2013	Friday & Saturday
Memorial Day	May 27, 2013	Monday
Independence Day	July 4, 2013	Thursday
Labor Day	September 2, 2013	Monday
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2013	Monday
Thanksgiving	November 28, 29 & 30, 2013	Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Christmas	December 24, 25 & 26, 2013	Tuesday, Wed. & Thursday

**Proclamation - American Ginseng Week in Henderson County / December 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 8<sup>th</sup>**

On December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Asheville, Hendersonville, and the North Carolina Natural Products Association will host an all-star gathering of experts from the sustainable agriculture field at the International American Ginseng Expo in Mills River, NC, to discuss the impact of American Ginseng on the economy, health, and culture of this region and the nation.

A request was made for Board approval of a proclamation proclaiming December 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 8<sup>th</sup> as American Ginseng Week in Henderson County.

**Motion:**

*I move the Board approves the proclamation proclaiming December 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 8<sup>th</sup> as American Ginseng Week in Henderson County.*

**Request for Deputy Sheriff Positions**

The Board is requested to approve the addition of four (4) new positions for additional Deputy Sheriffs. Two of these new Deputy Sheriffs will work at the 1995 Courthouse to improve and enhance building security. One of the new Deputy Sheriffs will work in the Warrants Section of the Sheriff's Office, and the fourth Deputy will work in CID. Also, the Board is requested to approve the purchase of four (4) new patrol vehicles (Dodge Chargers) and necessary vehicle equipment for use by the four new deputies.

Motion:

*I move the Board approves four (4) new positions for additional Deputy Sheriffs, four (4) new patrol vehicles, and approve the associated budget amendment necessary to appropriate fund balance for this purpose.*

**2013 Proposed Schedule of Regular Meeting Dates**

The Proposed 2013 Schedule of Regular Meeting Dates for Henderson County Board of Commissioners was presented for approval.

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 CANE CREEK WATER & SEWER DISTRICT  
 2013

**Proposed Schedule of Regular Meeting Dates**

	Monday, January 7, 2013	5:30 p.m.
(Budget Retreat)	Wednesday, January 16, 2013	9:00 a.m.
	Monday, February 4, 2013	5:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, February 20, 2013	9:00 a.m.
	Monday, March 4, 2013	5:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, March 20, 2013	9:00 a.m.
	Monday, April 1, 2013	5:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, April 17, 2013	9:00 a.m.
	Monday, May 6, 2013	5:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, May 15, 2013	9:00 a.m.
	Monday, June 3, 2013	5:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, June 19, 2013	9:00 a.m.
	NO FIRST MONDAY MEETING IN JULY	
	Wednesday, July 17, 2013	9:00 a.m.
	Monday, August 5, 2013	5:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, August 21, 2013	9:00 a.m.
	Tuesday, September 3, 2013	5:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, September 18, 2013	9:00 a.m.
	Monday, October 7, 2013	5:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, October 16, 2013	9:00 a.m.
	Monday, November 4, 2013	5:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, November 20, 2013	9:00 a.m.
	Monday, December 2, 2013	5:30 p.m.
	NO THIRD WEDNESDAY MEETING IN DECEMBER	

The only change necessary this year was the first meeting in September (meeting on a Tuesday) due to the Labor Day holiday on the first Monday of the month.

**Notification of Vacancies**

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

1. Nursing/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee – 1 vac.
2. Recreation Advisory Board – 1 vac.

**Nominations**

1. Fire Commission – 2 vac.

Commissioner Hawkins nominated Martin Harris for position #1 and Howard Norton for position #2. *Chairman Messer made the motion to accept the reappointments of Martin Harris to position #1 and Howard Norton to position #2 by acclamation. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

2. Henderson County Historic Courthouse dba/Heritage Museum – 1 vac.

Commissioner Thompson nominated Karen Baker for position #10. *Chairman Messer made the motion to accept the reappointment of Karen Baker to position #10 by acclamation. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

3. Henderson County Zoning Board of Adjustment – 2 vac.

Commissioner Young nominated Ronald Kauffman for position #2 and Michael Earle for position #3. *Commissioner Hawkins made the motion to accept the appointments of Ronald Kauffman to position #2 and Michael Earle to position #3 by acclamation. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

4. Historic Resources Commission – 1 vac.

Commissioner Hawkins nominated Charles Kuykendall for position #7. *Chairman Messer made the motion to accept the appointment of Charles Kuykendall to position #7 by acclamation. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

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

Commissioner Young nominated Robert E. Field, Jr. for position #1, Calvin Titus for position #6, and Michael Murdock for position #7. *Chairman Messer made the motion to accept the reappointments of Robert E. Field, Jr. to position #1, Calvin Titus to position #6, and Michael Murdock to position #7 by acclamation. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

6. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – 6 vac.

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

7. Laurel Park Planning Board – 1 vac.

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

8. Mountain Valleys Resource Conservation and Development Program – 1 vac.

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

9. Nursing/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee – 5 vac.

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

10. Senior Volunteer Services Advisory Council – 2 vac.

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

11. Smartstart – 1 vac.

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

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **Cancel December 19, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Meeting**

The Board is requested to cancel the regularly scheduled December 19, 2012 Board meeting.

*Commissioner Hawkins made the motion that the Board cancel the regularly scheduled December 19, 2012 Board meeting. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

### **CANE CREEK WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT**

*Commissioner Thompson made the motion for the Board to convene as Cane Creek Water & Sewer District*

December 3, 2012

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*Board. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

Please see separate Cane Creek minutes for action.

*Commissioner Thompson made the motion to go out of session as the Cane Creek Water & Sewer District Board. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

**ADJOURN**

*Commissioner Thompson made the motion to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

Attest:

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Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board

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Charles D. Messer, Chairman



# HENDERSON COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

200 NORTH GROVE STREET, SUITE 66

HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28792

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21 November 2012

Henderson County Board of Commissioners  
1 Historic Courthouse Square, Suite 1  
Hendersonville, NC 28792

## Re: Tax Collector's Report to Commissioners – 3 December 2012 Meeting

Please find outlined below collections information through 20 November for the 2012 bills mailed out on 14 August 2012, as well as registered motor vehicle bills. As a point of reference, we also have included collections information as of the same date last year.

### Annual Bills G01 Only:

2012 Total Charge: \$58,100,663.43  
Payments & Releases: 21,740,693.75  
Unpaid Taxes: 36,359,969.68  
**Percentage Collected: 37.38%**  
(through 20-Nov-2012)

2011 Total Charge: \$57,595,008.30  
Payments & Releases: 26,987,249.34  
Unpaid Taxes: 30,607,758.96  
**Percentage Collected: 46.78%**  
(through 20-Nov-2011)

### Motor Vehicle Bills G01 Only:

2012 Total Charge: \$2,394,862.67  
Payments & Releases: 1,647,761.67  
Unpaid Taxes: 747,101.00  
**Percentage Collected: 68.22%**  
(through 20-Nov-2012)

2011 Total Charge: \$2,168,430.87  
Payments & Releases: 1,553,117.75  
Unpaid Taxes: 615,313.12  
**Percentage Collected: 71.07%**  
(through 20-Nov-2011)

### Fire Districts All Bills

2012 Total Charge: \$6,705,291.02  
Payments & Releases: 2,658,121.75  
Unpaid Taxes: 4,047,169.27  
**Percentage Collected: 39.54%**  
(through 20-Nov-2012)

2011 Total Charge: \$6,597,730.62  
Payments & Releases: 3,345,499.14  
Unpaid Taxes: 3,252,231.48  
**Percentage Collected: 50.61%**  
(through 20-Nov-2011)

Respectfully submitted,



Luke Small  
Collections Specialist

Stan C. Duncan  
Tax Collector

**LINE-ITEM TRANSFER REQUEST  
HENDERSON COUNTY**



Department: Sheriff

Please make the following line-item transfers:

What expense line-item is to be increased?

Account	Line-Item Description	Amount
<u>115431 - 512100</u>	<u>S&amp;W - Regular</u>	<u>\$ 80,634</u>
<u>115431 - 513800</u>	<u>FICA</u>	<u>\$ 6,169</u>
<u>115431 - 518200</u>	<u>Retirement - LEOBRS</u>	<u>\$ 5,459</u>
<u>115431 - 518300</u>	<u>Medical Insurance</u>	<u>\$ 16,204</u>
<u>115431 - 518400</u>	<u>Dental Insurance</u>	<u>\$ 862</u>
<u>115431 - 518600</u>	<u>Worker's Compensation</u>	<u>\$ 1,500</u>
<u>115431 - 553000</u>	<u>Capital Outlay - Vehicles</u>	<u>\$92,440</u>
<u>115431 - 526020</u>	<u>Dept Supplies - Nonexpendable</u>	<u>\$30,600</u>
<u>115431 - 525000</u>	<u>Automotive Supplies</u>	<u>\$6,645</u>

What expense line-item is to be decreased? Or what additional revenue is now expected?

Account	Line-Item Description	Amount
<u>114990 - 401000</u>	<u>Fund Balance Appropriated</u>	<u>\$240,513</u>
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**Justification:** Please provide a brief justification for this line-item transfer request.  
Fund balance appropriated to fund 4 additional Sheriff Deputy positions and associated benefits, and 4 additional vehicles to be used by the Deputies. Approved by the BOC 12.3.12

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 Authorized by Department Head Date 12/3/12

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 Authorized by Budget Office Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 Authorized by County Manager Date \_\_\_\_\_

<i>For Budget Use Only</i>	
Batch #	_____
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Batch Date	_____

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LARRY YOUNG  
J. MICHAEL EDNEY  
GRADY HAWKINS

## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION ANTHONY W. STARR

- WHEREAS,** Anthony W. Starr has served as Henderson County's Planning Director since June, 2006; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Starr has accepted the Assistant Executive Director position with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments in Hickory, and his last day with Henderson County will be December 13, 2012; and
- WHEREAS,** Some of the highlights of Mr. Starr's career in Henderson County include:
- Adoption of the Land Development Code
  - Establishment of the Community Planning Initiative
  - Adoption of the Etowah - Horse Shoe Community Plan
  - Adoption of the Edneyville Community Plan
  - Adoption of the Dana Community Plan
  - Adoption of Stormwater and Soil Erosion Control Standards
  - Winner of the 2009 Marvin Collins Outstanding Planning Award for the Land Development Code
  - Winner of the 2012 Marvin Collins Outstanding Planning Award for the Dana Community Plan
- WHEREAS,** Anthony W. Starr has exhibited outstanding community spirit in his service not only to Henderson County government, but to the County as a whole through his involvement in organizations such as the Hendersonville Rotary Club and the First Baptist Church of Hendersonville;

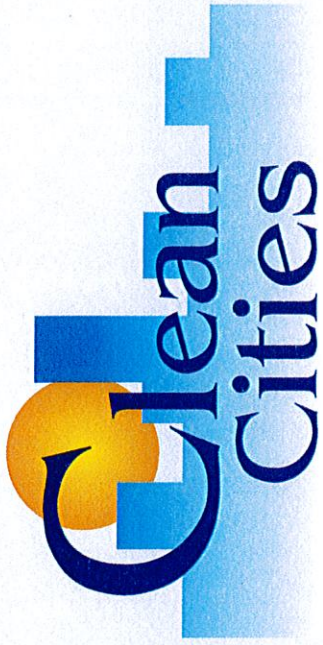
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners recognizes and thanks Anthony W. Starr for his years of dedicated service to Henderson County.

Adopted this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2012.

  
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CHAIRMAN  
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

  
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TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD



U.S. Department of Energy

Henderson County

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*is recognized as a leader in reducing the nation's dependence  
on imported oil through its commitment to advanced  
transportation technologies and participation in the  
Clean Cities program.*

October 29, 2012



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
**ENERGY**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Dennis A. Smith'.

Dennis A. Smith  
National Clean Cities Director

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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, wild American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*) is an economically and botanically valued agricultural commodity in North Carolina that has been harvested since the late 1700's; and

**WHEREAS**, of the seven states, mostly in the Appalachian region, which account for 82% of the wild American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*) exported from the United States, North Carolina is the nation's premier exporter last year; and

**WHEREAS**, the wild American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*) root is highly valued in Asia and is related to Asian ginseng (*Panax ginseng*), which has been used as a panacea in traditional Chinese medicine for over 5,000 years; and

**WHEREAS**, wild American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*) is a profitable non-timber forest product with the potential to contribute to more sustainable forests in North Carolina by integrating the multiple ecological, social, and economic benefits of forests while maintaining a long-term, stable relationship between humans and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Natural Products economic sector is a significant agricultural sector in North Carolina's vibrant economy, with wild American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*) accounting for over \$3 million in revenue per year; and

**WHEREAS**, wild American ginseng is native to Southern Appalachia but wild populations in western North Carolina are threatened by overharvesting and loss of habitat through land development; and wild simulated threatened by theft, and


**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Natural Products Association was formed in 2002 as a 501c(3) non-profit organization dedicated to conserving, cultivating, sustainably harvesting, and processing North Carolina grown medicinal plants; plus NCNPA's mission is to establish North Carolina as a key global supplier of premium-quality raw materials and plant-based value added products; and

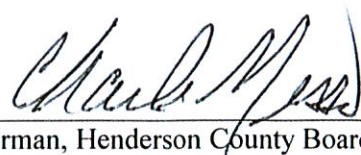
**WHEREAS**, North Carolina Natural Products Association is bringing together a historical assembly of South Appalachian ginseng experts at the International American Ginseng Expo on December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center in Mills River, North Carolina.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby PROCLAIMED that the week of December 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 8<sup>th</sup> be declared American Ginseng Week in Henderson County.

This the 3rd day of December, 2012.

Attest:

  
Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board

  
Chairman, Henderson County Board of Commissioners