

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: July 15, 2015

SUBJECT: Baker-Barber Digitization Grant

PRESENTER: Trina Rushing, Library Director

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The late Jody Barber donated the Baker-Barber Photograph Collection to the Community Foundation of Henderson County in 1995 and subsequently named the Henderson County Public Library as steward of the collection. The collection consists of 2,875 glass plate negatives, approximately 450 prints and approximately 41,000 photographic negatives.

As steward the library is charged with safeguarding and preserving the collection and making it accessible to the public. Over the past 20 years the library, with the help of volunteers, has scanned and digitized 10,000 items within this collection. At the current rate it will take an additional 25 years to scan the remaining 35,000 images.

Library staff would like to submit a grant proposal to the Community Foundation in the amount of \$13,570 that would pay 2 contract employees to each work 15 hours per week for 40 weeks to scan 15,800 images, approximately ½ of those that are currently undigitized.

No matching funds are required.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Library staff requests a motion to approve the submission of a Baker-Barber Digitization Grant in the amount of \$13,570 to the Community Foundation.

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

I move that the Board approves submission of a Baker-Barber Digitization Grant in the amount of \$13,570 to the Community Foundation.