

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: November 2, 2015

SUBJECT: Henderson County Fire and Rescue Association

PRESENTER: Gary Brown

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

1. Letter from the Fire Department Chiefs

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Board is requested to hear a presentation from Gary Brown, Henderson County Fire and Rescue Association and Chief of Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue, with respect to the Fire Training Facility, located on the Blue Ridge Community College campus at 330 College Drive.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No specific Board Action requested.

Suggested Motion(s):

No motion suggested.

HENDERSON COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

Gary Brown
President

Robert Griffin
Vice President

September 21, 2015

The Honorable Tommy Thompson, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners
1 Historic Courthouse Square
Hendersonville, NC 28792


Mr. Thompson:

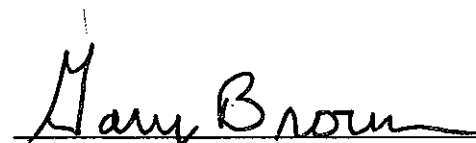
In May, 1981, a lease was signed between Blue Ridge Community College and the Henderson County Fire and Rescue Association and the Henderson County Fire Chief's Association to allow use of the 6.9 acre tract located at 330 College Drive in Henderson County as a Fire Training Facility. Since that time, the Fire & Rescue Association has spent over \$1.9 million dollars and countless hours of volunteer labor in converting a swamp into a state-of-the-art training facility.

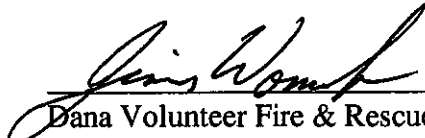
We have enjoyed an excellent working relationship with the College throughout most of this time, and intend to continue this relationship into the foreseeable future. However, in the interest of protecting the tax payer's investment in this property, and guaranteeing the future use of the property for fire and emergency service training, we respectfully request the Henderson County Board of Commissioners to facilitate a transfer of ownership to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners or the Henderson County Fire and Rescue Association.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,
Henderson County Fire Department Chiefs

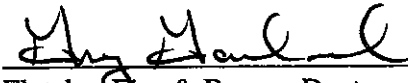

Bat Cave Volunteer Fire & Rescue Dept.
Chief Richard Barnwell


Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue
Chief Gary Brown



Dana Volunteer Fire & Rescue Dept.
Chief Jimmy Womack

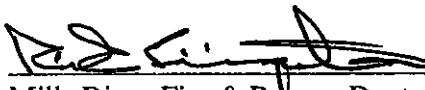

Edneyville Volunteer Fire & Rescue
Chief Robert Griffin

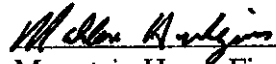

Etowah-Horse Shoe Fire & Rescue Dept.
Chief Roger Freeman


Fletcher Fire & Rescue Dept.
Chief Greg Garland

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Gerton Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue
Chief Jay Alley

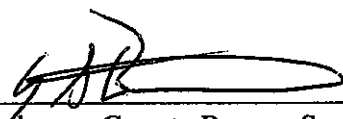

Green River Vol. Fire & Rescue
Chief Dustin Nicholson


Mills River Fire & Rescue Dept.
Chief Rick Livingston


Mountain Home Fire & Rescue Dept.
Chief Mahlon Hudgins


Saluda Volunteer Fire & Rescue
Chief Shane Hamilton


Valley Hill Volunteer Fire & Rescue
Chief Tim Garren


Henderson County Rescue Squad
Chief Jimmy Brissie