

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 1, 1991

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Henderson County Office Building. This meeting was to allow the Board of Commissioners to discuss some issues with our state legislators.

Those present were: Chairman J. Michael Edney, Vice-Chairman Vollie G. Good, Commissioner F. Richard Baker, Commissioner Hugh D. Randall, Commissioner William McKay, Interim County Manager Jerry D. Myers, Finance Director David E. Nicholson, Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn, and the news media.

Also present were State House Representative Larry Justus, State Senators Robert "Bob" Carpenter and Clark Plexico.

Chairman Edney called the meeting to order and presented each of our legislators in attendance with a plaque and a Henderson County pin. Chairman Edney informed all in attendance that the meeting today will be an informal one.

There was much discussion of our Board's concerns over budget cuts and other such matters.

Terry Lyda, Henderson County Tax Collector, spoke of his concern about collecting tax on automobiles and the added tax bills that will be generated. This would require increased space and increased staffing in the Tax Collector's Office.

Mr. Myers informed our legislators that our present Board is concerned that they may have to make up additional revenues because of the state cuts. Mr. Plexico said the state is having to come up with an additional \$200,000 because of how Congress is handling the federal budget deficits. Our legislators were in agreement that restructuring the tax system might be a good solution to alleviate this problem in the future.

Mr. Myers compared the financial arrangement between counties and state to teen-agers and parents. The county being the teen-ager always asking the parent or state for money and explaining what it is to be used for. The County, like a teen-ager, should begin to develop some financial independence without having to rely on the Legislature each year for funds. A menu of local options to raise revenues needs to be developed.

Mr. Justus reminded the Board of a redistricting meeting to be held this Saturday, April 6, at the Buncombe County Courthouse. He invited our Board members to attend and have input into that meeting. He also said that today's meeting has been beneficial and he would like to have them on a regular basis.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Elizabeth W. Corn
Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk

J. Michael Edney
J. Michael Edney, Chairman