

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 27, 1991

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27 for a workshop meeting. This was a continuation of the regularly scheduled meeting of March 20. The meeting was held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Henderson County Office Building.

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

Vice-Chairman Good called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of today's meeting is for two department presentations and site visits; Sewer Department and Register of Deeds, and a presentation by the Fire Commission.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Jim Erwin informed the Board that anyone wanting sewer service comes to the sewer department. They process applications, issue permits, and collect the fees and charges.

Mr. Erwin discussed both sewer districts; Cane Creek Water and Sewer District and Mud Creek Water and Sewer District. He showed the boundary lines of each district. He briefly discussed the different treatment plants. He briefly discussed operation and maintenance of the facilities. There was alot of discussion.

We then walked up to the courthouse for the register of deeds presentation.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Register of Deeds, Ruby Maxwell, welcomed all to her office and demonstrated how they record a deed of trust or release deed. Dept. of Archives and History in Raleigh microfilm her records for safe-keeping, they keep a copy and send Ms. Maxwell a copy.

We then toured her facilities, viewing where and how different documents are stored and how they are accessed.

COURTHOUSE

Tommy Thompson, Clerk of Court, took us on a brief tour of the courthouse facilities.

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The first room we viewed was the Grand Jury Room which was empty at the time but is used for Small Claims Hearings, Arbitration Hearings, and sometimes for Juvenile Court.

We then viewed the Civil Court Section and met assistant clerk Lynn Jones. We viewed the Court Cashier's space. We then went downstairs and saw some new office space for the District Attorney.

We did not visit the courtrooms and ancillary offices as court was in session.

We then walked back to the County Office Building for the Fire Commission presentation.

### FIRE COMMISSION

Martin Harris, one of the three Fire Commissioners, addressed the Board. The other two members are Dr. H.B. Norton and Mr. J.V. Brown. Mr. Harris serves as chairman of the commission in a volunteer capacity. He is employed full time at E.I. DuPont in Brevard. Mr. Harris requested this meeting to bring the Board up to date on the meetings that the County Firemen Association have been having.

The Fire Commission works closely with the Firemens Association and the Fire Chiefs Association. He spoke of the State Fire Code Inspection Program that will have to be enforced soon and spoke briefly about a Fire Marshall.

One half to two thirds of calls the fire departments get are actually medical emergencies rather than fires. Henderson County has 85 fire fighting vehicles with two ladder trucks, one at Mountain Home and one at Fletcher. Henderson County has 529 firemen, 75 of them junior firemen.

Statutorily the Fire Commission must:

1. Advise the Board of Commissioners on fire fighting and fire prevention activities.
2. Assist the Volunteer Fire Departments in improving fire fighting and fire prevention capabilities.
3. Insure that the inspections by the volunteer fire departments are done - day care centers, schools.
4. Inspect volunteer fire departments to determine if the department is in compliance with its insurance rating. The State is now doing this themselves.
5. Offices shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and one of the three shall be a communications supervisor. Responsibilities of the communications supervisor is to be responsible for all maintenance, communications and alarm equipment owned by the county or the fire departments. He must also maintain that all FCC licenses are kept current and proper radio procedures

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are adhered to. He must also see that all fire alarm and communication lines to the communications center (Sheriff Dept.) are in proper order.

6. It is required that there be a signed written contract between each volunteer fire department and the county to provide fire service for their fire district.

Mr. Harris said that the timing is good for the introduction of a Fire Marshall. He recommends that Henderson County Inspection Dept. gear up to start Fire Code Inspections. At a future time the inspections would be done by Fire Code Inspectors from the Fire Marshall's Office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk

  
Vollie G. Good, Vice-Chairman