

MINUTES

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024**

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Historic Courthouse on Main Street, Hendersonville.

Present for the meeting were Chairman Rebecca McCall, Vice-Chair J. Michael Edney, Commissioner William Lapsley, Commissioner Daniel Andreotta, Commissioner David Hill, County Manager John Mitchell, Assistant County Manager Christopher Todd, Financial Services Director Samantha Reynolds, Public Safety Director Jimmy Brissie, Attorney Russ Burrell, and Clerk to the Board Denisa Lauffer.

Also present were: Budget Manager/Auditor Sonya Flynn, Director of Facility Services Andrew Griffin, Assistant Finance Director Randal Cox, Social Services Director Lori Horne, Administrative Officer III Melissa Novak, Strategic Behavioral Health Director Jodi Grabowski, Emergency Management Rescue Manager Tim McFalls, Environmental Health Supervisor Seth Swift, Human Resources Director Karen Ensley, Recreation Director Bruce Gilliam, Recreation Supervisor Jason Kilgore, Sheriff Lowell Griffin, PIO Kathy Finotti, A/V Technician Oscar Guerrero, and Capital Projects Manager Bryan Rhodes. Deputies Travis Pierce and Kayla Brezillac provided security.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman McCall called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

INVOCATION Reverend Meagen Gosiewski of Unity of the Blue Ridge provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman McCall led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

RESOLUTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of Brent Coston as Agribusiness Henderson County's Executive Director

AgHC Board Chair Nolan Ramsy introduced Brent Coston as the newly named Executive Director of AgHC. Mr. Coston will replace the recently retired Mark Williams, who served as the executive director since its inception thirteen years ago.

Mr. Coston is a fourth-generation apple grower in Henderson County. He and his wife started Bearwallow Valley Farms in 2019. He said seeing the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene to the agricultural industry has been difficult. He is committed to restoring agriculture to its former strength.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Rachel Poller spoke on behalf of the League of Women Voters in Henderson County about the upcoming election. She encouraged voters to be sufficiently prepared to vote on election day.

Approved:

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Chairman McCall made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

As item C, Chairman McCall added Temporary Lease – Disaster Recovery Center to the consent agenda.

Commissioner Lapsley made the motion to approve the agenda with the revision discussed. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA consisted of the following:

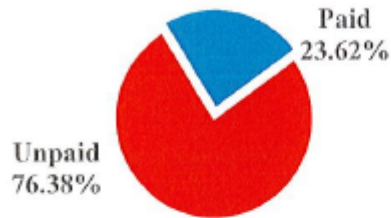
Tax Collector’s Report

The report from the office of the Tax Collector was provided for the Board’s information.

Please find outlined below collections information through October 9, 2024 for 2024 real and personal property bills mailed on July 31, 2024. Vehicles taxes are billed monthly by NC DMV.

Henderson County Annual Bills (Real and Personal Property):

2024 Beginning Charge:	\$101,658,065.46
Discoveries & Imm.	\$82,239.21
Releases & Refunds:	(\$47,575.86)
<u>Net Charge:</u>	<u>\$101,692,728.81</u>
Unpaid Taxes:	\$77,676,147.34
Amount Collected:	\$24,016,581.47



Henderson County Registered Motor Vehicles (As Collected by NC DMV):

Net Charge:	\$1,963,694.28	
Unpaid Taxes:	\$4,620.56	99.76%
Amount Collected:	\$1,959,073.72	

Henderson County FY25 Budget Analysis:

	<u>Budget Ordinance</u>		<u>Revenue Collected</u>
Ad Valorem:	\$103,559,409.00	Ad Valorem:	\$25,975,655.19
Prior Years:	\$1,041,250.00	Prior Years:	\$297,437.09
Budget Total:	\$104,600,659.00	YTD Revenue:	\$26,273,092.28



Library Bookmobile – RFP Vendor Selection

The Board was requested to approve the low bid amount and authorize the library staff to proceed with the purchase of a mobile library vehicle from Truck Builders, LLC, in the amount of \$213,319.55. Bidding was conducted between May 29, 2024, and June 14, 2024.

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This project's funding includes \$89,766 in State Aid ARPA funding and \$100,000 in donations from the Friends of the Library. Restricted library donations of \$29,960 will also be used. Costs for tag, tax, and title are also included.

The Board was requested to approve a budget amendment recognizing \$89,766 in state grant funding, \$100,000 in contributions from the Friends of the Library, and \$29,960 of restricted library donation funds from the General Fund for the county-funded portion of the contract and other associated costs.

Motion:

I move the Board accept the low bid and approve the budget amendment as presented.

2025.126 Temporary Lease – Disaster Recovery Center (Add on)

A temporary lease agreement for Henderson County's Disaster Recovery Center was provided for Board approval and ratification in response to Hurricane Helene, located in Blue Ridge Commons at 2111 Asheville Highway, Suites A-2 and A-3 for Board approval and ratification.

The lease term begins October 11, 2024, and ends April 30, 2025, with a month-to-month option continuing thereafter. Lease payments begin on November 1st at a rate of \$14,000 per month.

Motion:

I move that the Board ratify the temporary lease between Henderson County and BRC Hendersonville, LLC, from October 11, 2024, to April 30, 2025.

Commissioner Lapsley made the motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION

Hurricane Helene Update

The Board was provided with the most current information on Hurricane Helene in Henderson County.

Henderson County Public Schools - Superintendent Mark Garrett shared an update on HCPS.

- Students returned to school on Tuesday, October 15.
- Transportation went well with the modified bus routes.
- A few schools were experiencing phone outages but have been equipped with First Net Satellite phones to ensure communication capabilities.
- Schools have water and power, and the internet is fully functioning.
- Glen Marlow Elementary is on the Asheville Water System, so staff was boiling water in the cafeteria kitchen. Toilets may be flushed with the water, and fresh drinking water is brought in every day.
- Sites that were used as distribution hubs have transitioned to a central site.

Mr. Garrett said there were a couple of things to remember moving forward.

- Legislation has passed some legislative acts to forgive a few student absence days to communities affected by Hurricane Helene. As a result, the School Board approved an updated calendar and will extend the school year to ensure that schools can complete the

Approved:


required instructional hours.

- The state has allocated \$16 million to Child Nutrition to ensure that the payroll may continue for cafeteria staff, and bus drivers could continue to get paid while the schools were closed.
- Calendar flexibility has been granted to forgive up to twenty days if needed.
- Pay will not be affected for school employees who could not get to work.
- Schools were given the ability to bring back recently retired personnel to fill in where needed, waiving the usual six-month waiting period.


Garrett said Atkinson Elementary was the hardest-hit school in the county, and those students would be attending class temporarily at the Boys and Girls Club. He expected students to be relocated for 7-8 weeks while Atkinson was repaired.

Vice-Chair McCall asked if all students had been located after the Hurricane. Mr. Garrett confirmed that some students had been displaced and were no longer in the community. Staff had gone line by line with their student rosters, and he was unaware of any unaccounted-for students.

Public Safety Director Jimmy Brissie updated the Board on the recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene.



**Hurricane Helene
Policy Group Briefing
10/16/2024**



HENDERSON COUNTY
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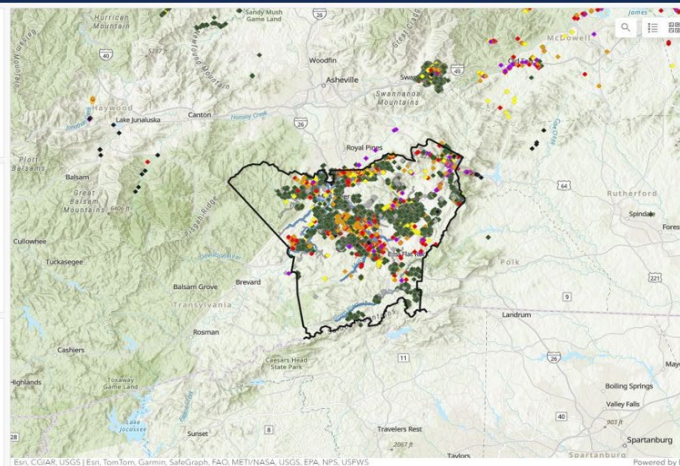
Current Priorities

- Continued Damage Assessments
- Debris Management
- Recovery Housing
- Disaster Recovery Center Support
- Warehouse Transition Plan

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Henderson County Damage Assessment

Unaffected 11.4k	Affected 383
Minor 706	Major 798
Destroyed 176	Unknown 408



Chairman McCall asked about the river's width since Helene and Mr. Brissie said it was 3-4 times wider than before the storm.

Vice-Chair Edney noted that the county had a housing shortage before this event, and at least 1000 families had been added.

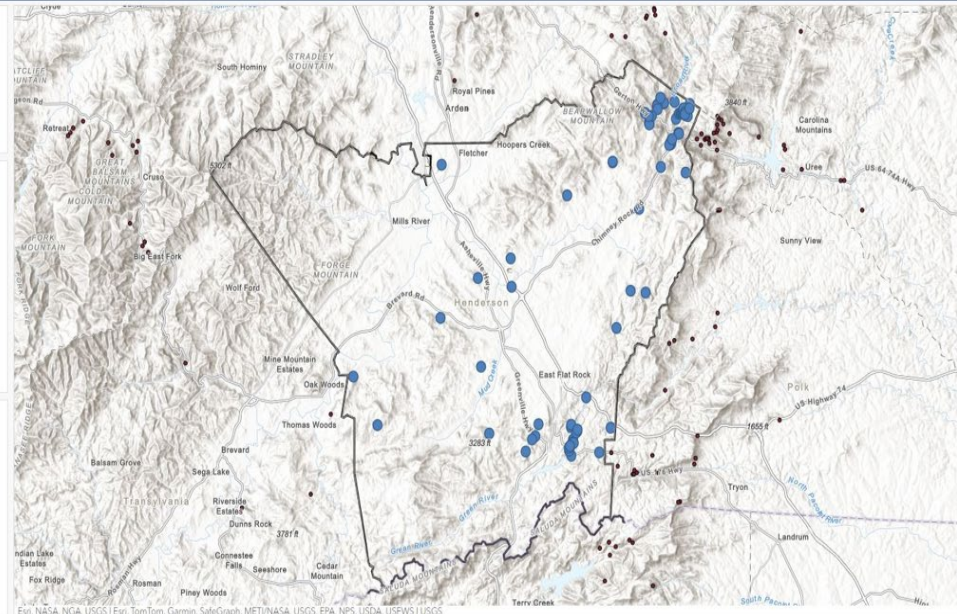
Returning the river's face to normalcy will take a long time. Brissie noted that Haywood County was still working on river and stream restoration from Tropical Storm Fred over two years ago.

USGS Landslide Map

United States Geological Survey vetted landslides via Sentinel 2 satellite data. New landslides are added as USGS analyzes data for correctness.

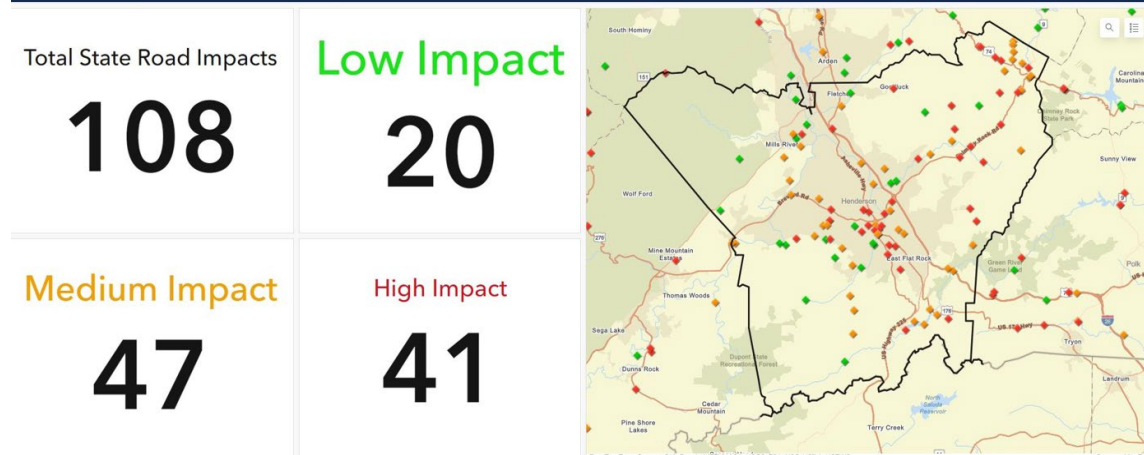
Landslides in Henderson Co
86

Total Landslides Activated from Helene
652



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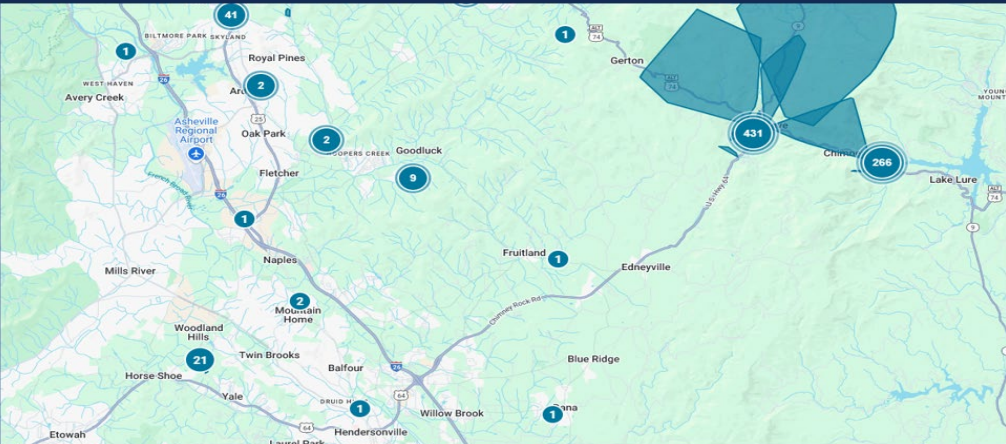
NCDOT Road Impacts in Henderson County



Mr. Brissie said road impacts did not include private roads and bridges. A list of private roads and bridges that were impacted was being compiled. Typically, neither the state nor FEMA has provided funding for private roads and bridges, but there has been an increasing amount of discussion between the Legislature, State Emergency Management, and FEMA about what opportunities may present for private bridges, roads, or culverts that impede someone's ability to leave home to return to school or work.

Brissie said the DOT had done a phenomenal job restoring high-impact roads and working with private contractors to increase their capacity. He used the example of the connection between Deep Gap and Big Hungry, where they partnered with a private land owner and the Wildlife Commission to build a new road to connect those two communities because rebuilding the bridge could take three months. He said the DOT was able to mobilize two additional crews from other divisions in the state just for Henderson County.

Power Outage Progress



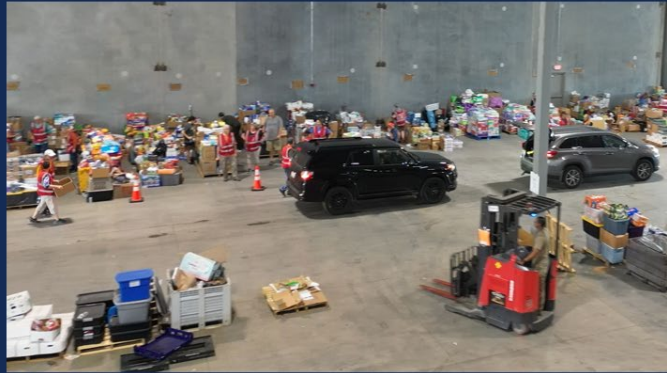
- 319 customers out of power as of 10/15.
- Majority of remaining outages in the Bat Cave area.
- Less than 100 of the total 69,281 customers had power at the storm's peak.

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County Resource Hub

118 McAbee Court, Flat Rock

- McAbee Ct. location now used as a central Resource Hub for residents.
- Resource Hub will continue operation from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.
- Residents receive pre-packed boxes of supplies as well as special needs.
- Non-profits, food pantries and faith-based organizations can order supplies.



FEMA Disaster Recovery Center

Blue Ridge Commons - 2111 Asheville Highway, Hendersonville



- Soft opening today at 1 p.m.
- Regular hours start Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Will be a one-stop shop for federal, state and local resources as residents apply for FEMA disaster assistance.

John Mitchell shared that the county was trying to bring all state and federal partners into the Disaster Recovery Center.

Commissioner Andreotta asked what days the DRC would be open and was told the office would be open seven days a week.

Jimmy Brissie said citizens may apply for assistance online at <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>. He said Henderson County was number two in the region for individual assistance applications, with just over \$13 million distributed to the general public.

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Current & Anticipated Actions

Current

- Support FEMA Disaster Recovery Center operations.
- Continue countywide damage assessments in partnership with Building Services, Tax Assessors and outside building inspectors acquired through OSFM.

Anticipated

- Long-term plan for Resource Hub, support local nonprofits and community organizations distribution efforts.
- Identify long-term housing solutions for individuals who are displaced from homes.
- Continue to support FEMA damage assessments in the county.

Brissie said the state is working closely with FEMA to identify possible solutions for our community and is discussing long-term housing needs. Several local hotels have signed up for the FEMA transitional housing opportunities. The county is still operating a disaster shelter at the Athletic and Activities Center, the largest in Brissie's career. The goal is to transition the shelter and get the folks there into a long-term housing location.

In closing, Mr. Brissie was pleased to announce that, after working with law enforcement, the sheriff's office, all the municipal police departments, and fire departments, there were currently no actionable missing persons in Henderson County related to the storm.

Solid Waste Update – Marcus Jones offered updates on the Stoney Mtn Transfer Station operations, efforts to find an additional debris site, and SDR, the County's FEMA collection contractor.

Mr. Jones recommended that the Board consider revisiting the fee waiver policy set after the storm. He said the volumes were beginning to trend down, and operations were not sustainable. The long hours were not good for the staff or citizens using the facility. Resources were tied up at the convenience center, limiting the volume of large vehicles that would impact the storm debris efforts. They are limited to two visits a day instead of five or six. Possibly recommend removing the fee waiver, and if the Board still wishes to have an amnesty period, maybe have that on the least busy day at the transfer station.

The Board had expressed a strong interest in opening up an additional debris site open to the public. The two permitted emergency debris sites are not open to the public per FEMA policy. Board members shared possible site locations with Mr. Jones, which he investigated and kept detailed notes on. He believed there to be three or four solid possibilities for a site. Direction was needed on the sites open to the public for residential debris or residential customers who are FEMA-eligible. If the county were to open a site that was open to both contractors and residents, it would not be FEMA-eligible. The county would have to pay for a site that was not FEMA-eligible.

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Commissioner Hill asked for numbers on the cost of the county operating a debris site for a few weeks. Mr. Brissie had reached out to Haywood County, which went through Tropical Storm Fred just over two years ago, TS Fred impacted a smaller geographic area. Their financial exposure for debris was about \$2.5 million. Brissie estimated that debris from Helene in Henderson County was approximately four times that of Haywood County with Tropical Storm Fred.

SDR representative Alvie McClaren said that for a project to be FEMA reimbursable, it has to be declared a disaster by a governor and has to be a pre-positioned contract. Those go out when there is no storm and must be competitively bid. If an event like Helene happens, no companies will come and charge exorbitant amounts because people desperately need help. He said this was the fifth year that SDR has held this contract with the county and was still running on the prices put into the contract five years ago.

John Mitchell shared that the county's website has an entire page dedicated to storm debris removal that provides abundant information.

Mr. Jones said SDR would make multiple passes throughout the county to collect storm debris, and the contractor would stay until the debris was gone.

FEMA Update—FEMA representative Natalia (who asked to be identified by only her first name for safety purposes) provided an update on FEMA assistance opportunities. She addressed the debris management policies discussed and said those policies were strict because they are one of the biggest places where they see fraud. The rules are in place to protect taxpayer dollars. She stated FEMA was a faithful steward of taxpayer dollars, and they want to ensure that those taxpayer dollars are spent in an appropriate manner.

Natalia said that at the close of business yesterday, FEMA had approved \$102,240,188.04 through the individual assistance program. A total of 20,527 people in Henderson County have applied for assistance, and close to 180,000 people have applied statewide. FEMA representatives will operate seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Disaster Recovery Center at 2111 Asheville Highway. At an event on Saturday, October 12, at the Edneyville Community Center, the USDA and Farm Services Agency were there to talk to agricultural and agri-tourism citizens to explain what benefits and options may be available under those programs. She said FEMA was here to help for as long as it takes. There is no doubt this will be a long recovery, but FEMA will be here from the first project opening to the last project closing.

Chairman McCall asked about the appeal process for individuals who have received a notification that FEMA has denied their claim. Natalia said a no is never a “firm no.” They may always appeal that decision. She recommended those individuals go to a DRC and speak to a FEMA representative.

Commissioner Andreotta commented that all the citizens he has interacted with have had positive things to say about their experience with FEMA representatives. They have been responsive, kind, compassionate.

Duke Energy – Craig DeBrew with Duke Energy said the day the storm hit, nearly all of the 69,000 customers in Henderson County were without service. The first few days were spent restoring critical loads like hospitals, water and sewer treatment plants, 911 facilities, and getting major customers back on. A week after the storm, half of their customers had service restored. By October 9th, 90% of customers were restored; by October 11 (two weeks after the storm), they

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were down to less than 2000 without service. Over 2,700 individuals were supporting our restoration efforts at the Hendersonville Operations Center. Crews from twenty states and Canada showed up to help. This week, crews have been working on the hardest-hit areas in the northeastern part of the county. He said the Gerton Fire Department now has service, and the Bat Cave Fire Department was restored Monday evening. There is still a “pocket” of customers in that area without service. They are evaluating how and when they will be able to restore those. A special command center has been set up, and project managers will be brought in to examine the remaining inaccessible areas.

Optimum Update—Elton Hart with Optimum provided updates on broadband service restoration efforts. He said the main and redundancy lines were both taken out. Crews from all over have come in to work on the damage. Optimum was about 40% back online for its customers when the power returned. They are up to 85% for WNC; the last 15% is challenging. Over 120 individuals from all over the country and 49 crews are working to fix the problem. He said there were three WIFI hotspots, and those are still open. He said twelve local call reps are in the Grove Street office. Since reaching 80%, customers can schedule service visits to get customers up and running. Twenty-one miles of fiber optic have been replaced, with twenty-eight more miles to go. A free month of credit will be issued, and customers will not be charged for this time or held responsible for any damage or lost equipment.

DSS DSNAP Program—DSS Director Lorie Horne provided information about the DSNAP (Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). DSS staff will be accepting applications at the DRC for seven days beginning Friday, October 18th, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. However, consideration will be taken into the losses folks have experienced during the disaster. She encouraged everyone to apply. Staff will be available onsite to assist with the completion of the application. The information will be keyed the same day, and a decision must be made within three days. This will allow the recipients to purchase food at grocery stores and hot meals at restaurants that accept EBT. Lists of participating stores and restaurants are available in the EBT provider. Current Food/Nutrition recipients are not eligible for the program; those folks have already received a replacement benefit last weekend.

Housing Assistance – Executive Director Margaret Lebeck said Housing Assistance was focused on preserving existing housing stock and getting people back into their homes. Home repair was the foundation of their work in the county in 1988, and its relevance in affordable housing continues. They have localized intake for home repair and temporary housing, allowing people to weather the repair period. She acknowledged the immense gaps in the damage sustained and what the community will recoup in flood insurance, homeowners’ insurance, and through FEMA. She said a briefing had been held for twenty-five new contractors interested in helping with the rebuilding of safe and sustainable housing. Fifty-seven home repair requests were received this week, and six households were placed in temporary housing to carry them through repairs. This chapter has set up an intake process for those who can offer affordable temporary housing to those directly displaced by hurricane damage. All forms for repairs and temporary housing, as well as how to offer what temporary housing people may have available, are at the top of the Housing Assistance website: www.housing-assistance.com. In closing, she said Housing Assistance planned to be at the DRC.

Blue Ridge Community College—College President Dr. Laura Leatherwood said classes resumed on Monday, October 14th. All full and part-time employees had been accounted for. The college is working to connect students and faculty to all community resources available.

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Chairman McCall changed the order of the discussion agenda, moving item E—Permission to Disinter and Reinter—to Item B and moving items down to follow. This item needed to be moved as Vice-Chair Edney had asked for it to be discussed, and he would need to leave the meeting soon.

Permission to Disinter Remains and Reinter

Chris St. Onge, on behalf of Leah & Andrew Zetterholm, LLC, has asked for the Board’s consent to disinter and reinter human remains from property located at 358 Point Hope Lane, Hendersonville, North Carolina.

The parcel's property owner listed in Henderson County geographical information systems is Leah & Andrew Zetterholm, LLC.

Under N.C. Gen. Stat. §65-106 (a):

(a) . . . [A]ny person, firm or corporation may effect the disinterment, removal, and reinterment of graves as follows: . . .

(4) By any person, firm, or corporation who owns land on which an abandoned cemetery is located after first securing the consent of the government body of the . . . county in which the abandoned cemetery is located.

John Mitchell explained this request had been brought to the county’s attention as part of a request to build a home on a piece of property in the Edneyville area. It came to the attention of Staff that a plat showed a potential grave site. There was some discussion about whether such a site existed. A process prescribed by law is listed above, which lays that at the foot of the Health Department. The Health Department reviewed the matter and deliberated. It reached out to individuals in the community who may have some visibility about whether this site exists to ensure it gets the care it deserves.

Environmental Health Supervisor Seth Swift said that staff had attempted to research the grave site but did not find any definitive information. The applicant purchased a grave plot in Oakdale Cemetery to reinter the remains. If the Board approves the request, Health Department staff will be onsite for the disinterment and reinterment. Chris Todd said there was no official report, only a statement that the information was inconclusive.

Vice-Chair Edney said a well-known surveyor had completed a 2006 survey that noted existing graves, not just one but “several grave markers found during the field survey and is shown on the map.” Edney said he would not support approving the request. “It was the wrong thing to do.” He added that the County’s GIS system shows a cemetery in an area on the parcel.

After discussion, the Board agreed to table the matter until further investigation and discussion.

Commissioner Edney left the meeting.

Construction Projects Update

Bryan Rhodes presented the following.

Henderson County Agriculture Services Building—The Board selected McMillan, Pazdan, Smith Architects (MPS) for the future Ag Services Building and approved the initial contract amount. The contract was in the process of being established.

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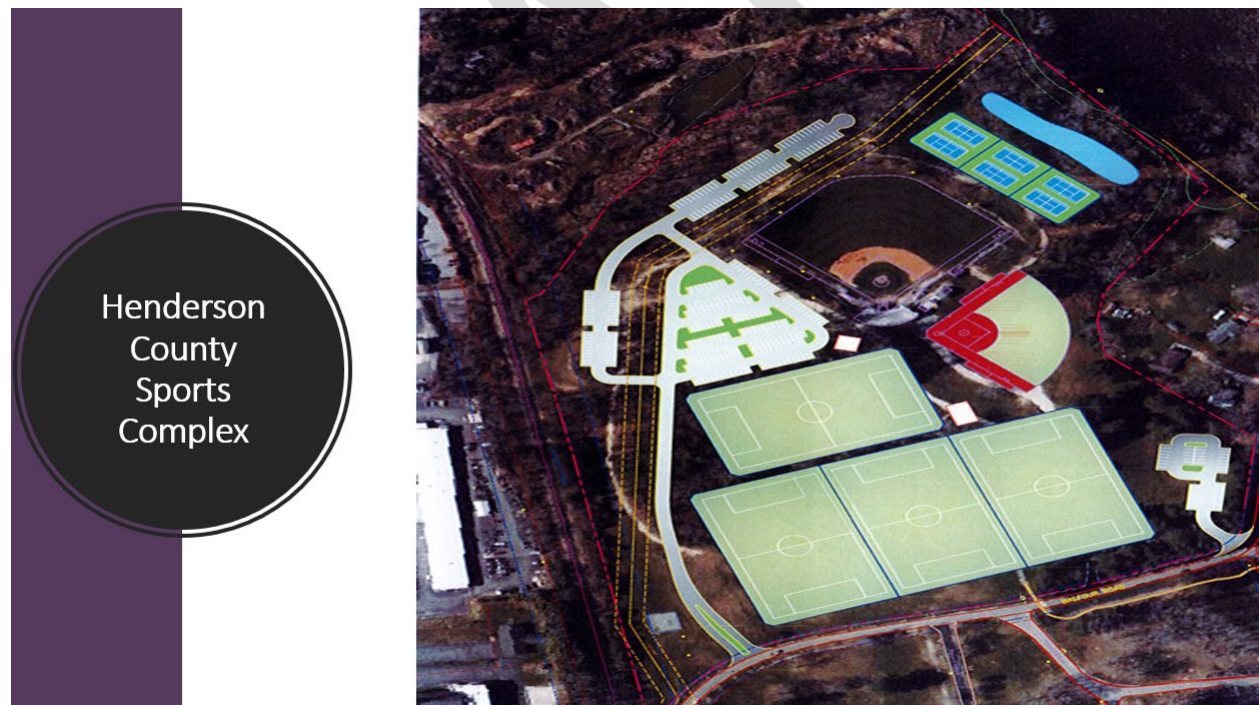
Henderson County Health and Human Services Building Shell Space Upfit - The Board selected Clark Nexsen for the future Health and Human Services Building Shell Space Upfit and approved the initial contract amount. The contract was in the process of being established.

Blue Ridge Community College Facilities Building – An RFQ was posted for the selection of an architect for the project. Due to Hurricane Helene, the RFQ was canceled and reposted today. Staff will receive submittals until 10/30/2024 at 3:00 p.m.

West Henderson High School Renovation and Addition



Atkinson Elementary School HVAC Replacement Project (phase 1) – HCPS was working to clean up from Hurricane Helene. Once completed, staff will begin working to complete phase one.



Approved:



Medical Office Buildings



Henderson County JCAR Project

BOARD OF ELECTIONS UPDATE

Clay Eddleman, chairman of the Board of Elections, updated the Board on the preparations for the 2024 general election in Henderson County.

Early Voting:

Early voting is set to begin this Thursday, October 17th at our office at **75 E. Central Street in Hendersonville**. The Board of Elections office will serve as the only Early Voting site and we are ready to accommodate, and we look forward to opening our doors to the voters of Henderson County!

What can voters expect?

- 16 voter check-in stations
- 58 ExpressVote voting machines
- 4 tabulators
- Ample parking
- 15 handicap parking spaces
- 12 Curbside voting spaces
- Shuttles available to assist voters
- Ample poll workers willing assist with any need
- 1 safe and secure site

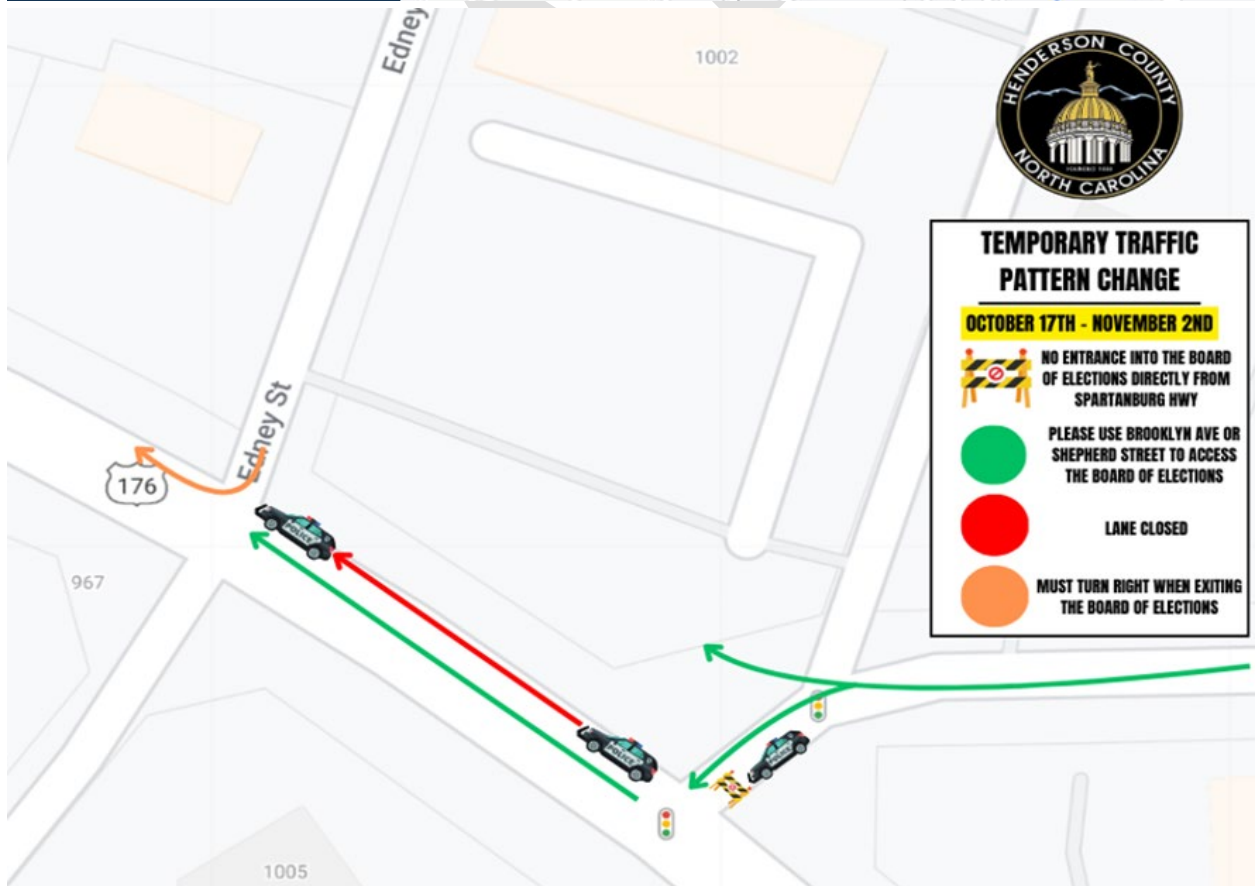
If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office. If you need a schedule for Early Voting, you can find that on our website under the Early Voting menu.

ABSENTEE VOTING:

To help alleviate some of the concerns regarding mail accessibility after Hurricane Helene, the North Carolina State Board of Elections has provided an emergency resolution that will allow for absentee ballots to be issued, in-person, at our office. If you have **ANY** concerns about your ability to vote in-person during this election or if have previously requested an absentee ballot that is now lost or damaged, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office at 828-697-4970.

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Traffic Pattern Change



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NC DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UPDATE

Holly Jones with the NC Department of Justice provided the following update to the Board.

PROTECTING THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA:
An Update for Henderson County

Holly Jones
Public Protection Section
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Attorney General
Josh Stein

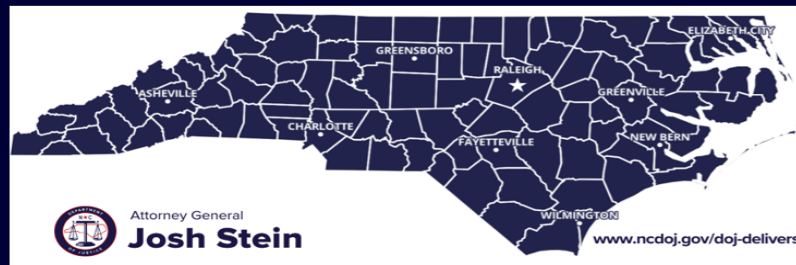
NCDOJ Mission

The North Carolina Department of Justice protects the people of North Carolina through its work

- To prevent crime and support law enforcement,
- To safeguard consumers, and
- To defend the State, its people, and their constitutional rights.

DOJ Delivers

The North Carolina Department of Justice (NCDOJ) delivers for North Carolinians in all 100 counties, working every day to keep people safe, support law enforcement, and protect consumers and families.



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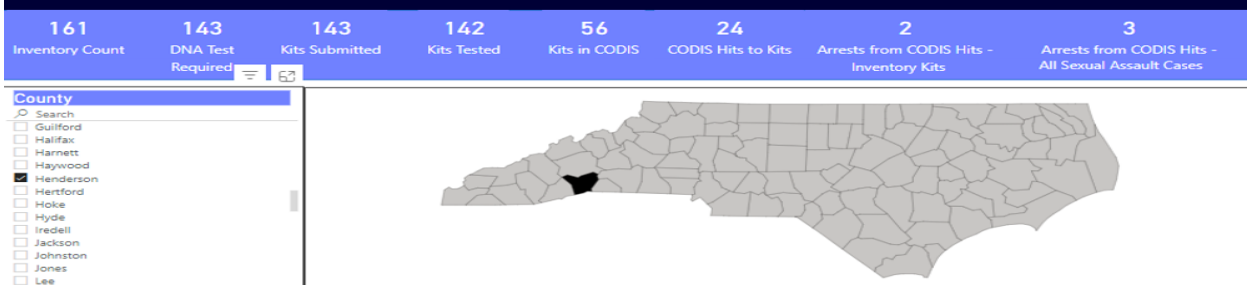
NCDOJ Update Funds Won – Henderson County

- Opioid settlement: \$ 16.1 Million
- Funds won for Consumer:\$ 180,400
- Medicaid fraud: \$ 2.6 Million
- Taxpayer funds won and grants: \$ 137,000
- Total Funds returned: \$ 19 Million

NCDOJ Update Law Enforcement – Henderson County

- Crime lab evidence submitted: 4958
- Law enforcement certifications: 363
- Law enforcement trainings: 15,051

NCDOJ Update Sexual Assault Kit Backlog Sexual Assault Kits Tested

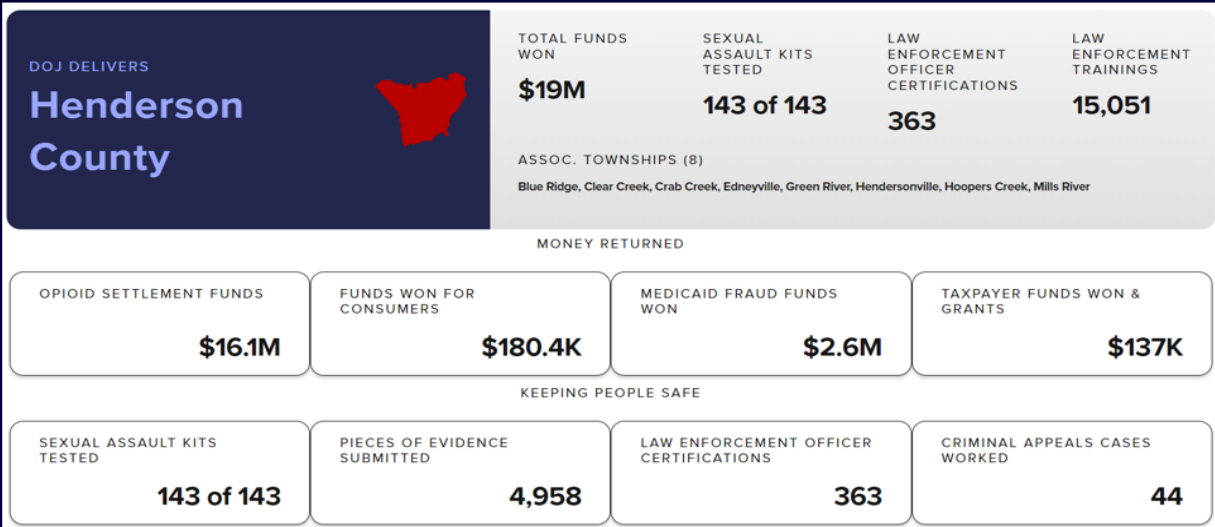


Henderson Sheriff (107); Hendersonville PD (44), Fletcher PD (9); Laurel Park (1)

ncdoj.gov/testthekits

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How DOJ Delivers for You



NCDOJ Wins

1. Juul
 - \$40 million for NC and commitments to modify their practices regarding young people
2. Dish Network
 - \$14 million settlement for illegal robocalls in NC; money to public schools
3. Duke Energy
 - Coal Ash Cleanup saving NC customers \$1.1 billion

NCDOJ at Work for Citizens

- HCA
- Meta
- Duke Energy

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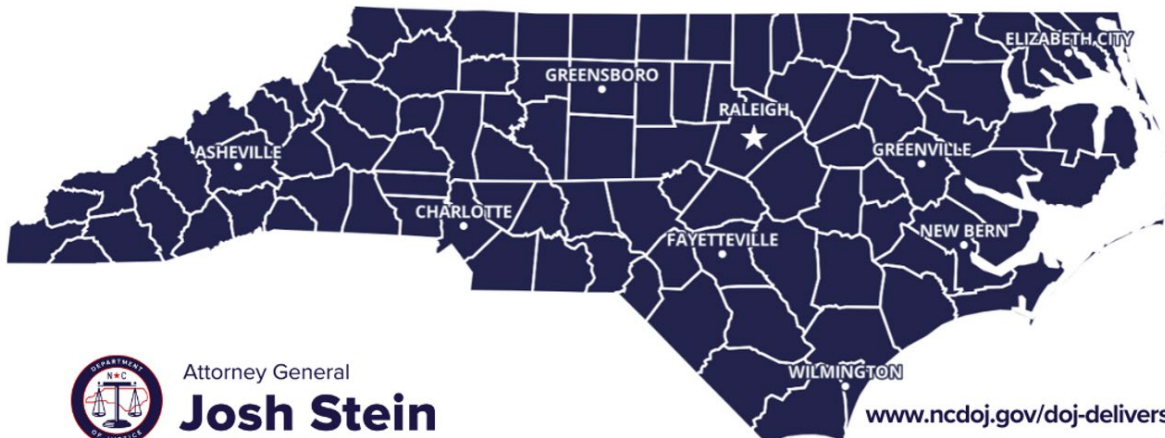
- Dogwood Awards to Henderson County leaders – Sheriff Griffin and Mayor Blakely
- 47 NCDOJ positions at WNC Justice Academy and Crime Lab in Edneyville

Opportunities to Work with NCDOJ

- Lethality Assessment Program
- Criminal Justice Fellows Program
- Educational Outreach to Public
 - Internet Safety, Scams and Frauds
 - Protecting the Next Generation of North Carolinians Webinar Series
 - Social Media Town Hall Series



DOJ Delivers



Attorney General
Josh Stein

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To Learn More

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 - ncdoj.gov/responding-to-crime
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- **Justice Academy:**
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- **Civil Rights Unit:**
 - ncdoj.gov/cru
- **Environmental Division:**
 - ncdoj.gov/protecting-the-environment/
 - To apply for an EEG: ncdoj.gov/eeq

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**1. Cemetery Advisory Committee – 1 vac.**

There were no nominations, and this item was rolled to the next meeting.

2. Henderson County Board of Equalization and Review – 2 vacs.

Commissioner Hill made the motion to nominate Rick Livingston for appointment to Alternate Position #8. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

3. Historic Resources Commission – 1 vac.

There were no nominations, and this item was rolled to the next meeting.

4. Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee – 1 vac.

There were no nominations, and this item was rolled to the next meeting.

5. Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority – 2 vacs.

There were no nominations, and this item was rolled to the next meeting.

6. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – 2 vacs.

Chairman McCall made the motion to nominate Sam Capps for appointment to position #2. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

7. Laurel Park Planning Board – 1 vac.

There were no nominations, and this item was rolled to the next meeting.

8. Laurel Park Zoning Board of Adjustment – 2 vacs.

There were no nominations, and this item was rolled to the next meeting.

9. Nursing/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee – 9 vacs.

There were no nominations, and this item was rolled to the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioner Andreotta wished Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Gilliam a Happy Birthday.

Commissioner Hill thanked county staff and volunteers who have helped and continue to help during Hurricane Helene recovery.

Chairman McCall said volunteer opportunities would continue and thanked the United Way for setting up a volunteer sign-up website. She shared that volunteer groups from all over the state have shown up to cook for staff, national guardsmen, and volunteers. The Red Cross is set up at Walmart and continues to feed thousands of people.

Approved:

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT/COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

John Mitchell said he has spoken with all of our General Assembly members, NC leaders, the White House, and two US Senators. He said the General Assembly had already allocated \$273 million to the disaster. Representatives Balkcom and Moffitt were instrumental in moving that initial allocation. The General Assembly will return on October 27th to consider an additional allocation. The congressional side of the house intends to return on November 12th to take up a supplemental package for the disaster. In closing, Mr. Mitchell expressed his deep and abiding thanks to county staff and the volunteer fire departments who have demonstrated selfless acts of courage.

Commissioner Lapsley made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a)(5). All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION**ADJOURN**

Denisa A. Lauffer, Clerk to the Board

Rebecca McCall, Chairman

Approved: