



**CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE FOR
COOPERATIVE ACTION "LGCCA"**

Historic Courthouse | 1 Historic Courthouse Sq. | Hendersonville NC 28792
Tuesday, July 20, 2021 – 3:00 PM

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER (City of Hendersonville Hosting)**
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
3. **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - [A.](#) April 20, 2021 Minutes
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. The Connections Center - *Sarah Kowalak, Director of Community Impact, United Way, Kristen Martin MSW, LCSW, Executive Director*
 - B. ARP Funds
 - C. Ecusta Trail Update
6. **UPDATES**
 - A. City of Hendersonville
 - B. Henderson County
 - C. Village of Flat Rock
 - D. Town of Fletcher
 - E. Town of Laurel Park
 - F. Town of Mills River
7. **REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING** - October 19, 2021 Village of Flat Rock Hosting
 - [A.](#) 2021 LGCCA Meeting Schedule
8. **ADJOURN**

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accommodation for this meeting please contact the City Clerk no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting at 697-3005.

MINUTES
LGCCA
Local Government Committee for Cooperative Action
April 20, 2021

The Local Government Committee for Cooperative Action (LGCCA) held its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room/Courtroom of the Historic Courthouse on Main Street, downtown Hendersonville. Present were:

Henderson County: Chairman William Lapsley, Vice-Chair Rebecca McCall
 Laurel Park: Mayor Carey O'Cain, Mayor Commissioner Paul Hansen
 Flat Rock: Mayor Nick Weedman, Vice Mayor Anne Coletta
 Fletcher: Councilman Preston Blakely
 Mills River: Mayor Chae Davis, Councilman Roger Snyder
 Hendersonville: Mayor Barbara Volk

WELCOME and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mills River Mayor Chae Davis called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Chairman Lapsley made a motion to approve the Agenda. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES- July 21, 2020

Councilman Blakely made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2020. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS

American Rescue Plan Funds (ARP) - Henderson County Commission Chair Bill Lapsley

Chairman Lapsley announced Henderson County would be among governments receiving funds from Washington soon. It is his understanding that restrictions would be announced once the monies were wired into accounts. The Commissioners have discussed types of projects to consider funding with the

rescue funds. One idea is funding nonprofits affected by the pandemic. A thought is to have a staff to develop an approval process. This will be a great opportunity for Henderson County to work with municipalities on joint ventures. Mayor Weedman commented he is not sure of the rules. He thought it would be good for one person from each municipality to form a committee and possibly share ideas and maybe use the same application form. Chairman Lapsley will share the application process with the municipalities.

County Comprehensive Plan- Henderson County Commission Chair Bill Lapsley

Chairman Lapsley mentioned Henderson County has a consultant to facilitate their upcoming comprehensive plan. Henderson County wants to involve municipalities, reflecting and incorporating so the county's comprehensive plan merges with municipal plans and the end result will be a harmonious and unified plan.

Keep America Beautiful- Henderson County Commission Vice Chair Rebecca McCall

Vice Chair McCall invited Henderson County Environmental Programs Coordinator Christine Wittmeier to speak on the problem of litter among Henderson County highways and roads and current and potential collaborations to work on this. Vice Chair McCall proposes a keep Henderson County Beautiful Committee that might meet quarterly to coordinate local efforts.

Work Ready Community- Henderson County Commission Vice Chair Rebecca McCall

Vice Chair McCall invited Brittany Brady from Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development to speak on the Work Ready program. The Work Ready program is in response to the fact workforce hiring is struggling through the pandemic. Work Keys is an employment screening tool. There is a need for employers to recognize Work Keys and for municipalities to consider using it. Henderson County is Work Ready. Municipalities are challenged to sign up to use it.

Proposed Legislation- Increase Housing Opportunities SB349/HB401- Laurel Park Mayor Carey O'Cain

With the upcoming Senate Bill 349/House Bill 401, there is potential that the character of municipalities could be affected. It is important for each municipality to reach out to their state representatives in opposition. The concern is genuine and serious. Property rights of citizens will be affected. This will be a huge impact for small municipalities.

UPDATES:City of Hendersonville

Mayor Volk reported on several things happening in the City of Hendersonville:

1. This week involves Earth Week celebration.
2. May 8 will be the 1st Love Hendo weekend and the Hendersonville Farmer's Market opens.
3. May 13 will be all about the bears.
4. Garden Jubilee is Memorial Day weekend.
5. Rhythm and Brews is scheduled to begin in July.

Village of Flat Rock

Mayor Weedman reported on the following events in the Village of Flat Rock:

1. A Shred and Drug Drop-off Day will be held May 8.
2. NCDOT is preparing to work on improvements to North Highland Lake Road.
3. The Village has applied to be a part of Tree City USA.
4. There is a 99.9% tax collection rate for 2020.
5. Blue Ridge Fire Department is expanding their station near Village Hall.

Vice Mayor Anne Coletta announced there will be a Litter Sweep along the Greenville Highway.

Town of Laurel Park

Mayor O'Cain reported on the following Laurel Park happenings:

1. Laurel Park will participate in a Litter Sweep.
2. The budget for the fiscal year has been finalized.
3. The recent merger between City of Hendersonville and Laurel Park water systems has been beneficial to both organizations.
4. In memory of historian Tom Orr, the idea of a statute of A.F. Barber, carrying his tripod camera is being looked at. \$100,000 in donations is being sought for the statues. The Community Foundation of Henderson County has offered to collect the monies. Approval from municipalities will be sought.
5. There will be an Eagle Scout reveal coming soon. A new spring has been discovered.

Town of Fletcher

Councilman Preston Blakely gave an update for the Town of Fletcher:

1. The Town is in the midst of the budget process.
2. The Town Center project with Highway 25 development is ongoing.
3. The Town welcomed new Police Chief Dan Terry.

Henderson County

Chairman Lapsley updated everyone on events in the County:

1. County Manager Steve Wyatt will be retiring. Thank Steve for his service.
2. The Hendersonville High School project is ongoing.
3. The VFW building is a project collaboration with the County, the School Board and the City.
4. Library books are being dedicated to Tom Orr.
5. Conserving Carolina is near to closing in May on the Ecusta Trail project.
6. An ordinance is being reviewed on commercial shooting ranges.

Town of Mills River

Mayor Chae Davis asked Town Manager Daniel Cobb to update the Committee:

1. There is lots of development going on in Mills River.
2. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan is closed to being adopted this fiscal year.
3. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is being presented to Town Council this week.
4. Contracts have been signed for a streambank restoration project of the Mills River.
5. An electric charging station consisting of two stations and four ports is now functional and used in Mills River Park.
6. Text amendments are being made to comply with the N.C.G.S. § 160D requirements.
7. A Zoning Administrator has been hired. He starts in May.
8. The Town is in the budget process.
9. The baseball field is open in Mills River Park. It is the home field of Rugby Middle School baseball. They have their first game on Monday.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the LGCCA will be July 21, 2021 at 3:00 PM, and will be hosted by the City of Hendersonville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted:

Patty T. Brown
Deputy Town Clerk/Accounting Clerk
Town of Mills River

Chae Davis
Mayor
Town of Mills River

2021 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

Local Government Committee for Cooperative Action LGCCA

3rd Tuesday of January, April, July & October at 3:00 p.m.

**Henderson County Commissioners' Meeting Room
1 Historic Courthouse Square
Hendersonville, NC 28792-5097**

<u>Date</u>		<u>Host</u>
January 19, 2021	Host	Town of Laurel Park
April 20, 2021	Host	Town of Mills River
July 20, 2021	Host	City of Hendersonville
October 19, 2021	Host	Village of Flat Rock

Hosts next in order: Town of Fletcher
Henderson County

Special called meetings shall be held on the third Tuesday of the month @ 3:00 PM, and to be hosted by the calling party.