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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF HENDERSON  AUGUST 12, 2010

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a special called meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Historic Courthouse on Main Street, Hendersonville.

Those present were: Chairman Bill Moyer, Vice-Chairman Mark Williams, Commissioner Larry Young, Commissioner Charlie Messer, Commissioner Chuck McGrady, County Manager Steve Wyatt, Assistant County Manager Selena Coffey, County Attorney Russ Burrell, Clerk to the Board Teresa L. Wilson, and PIO Christy DeStefano.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME
Chairman Moyer called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the special called meeting is a closed session for purposes of economic development.

CLOSED SESSION
Commissioner McGrady made the motion for the Board to go into closed session as allowed pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 for the following reason(s):

1. (a)(4), to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body.

All voted in favor and the motion carried.

OPEN SESSION
Commissioner McGrady made the motion that the Board reconvene into open session. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Chairman Moyer called the meeting back to order. He explained that the Board was in closed session to discuss an economic development matter which involved the brining of a pharmacy program from Wingate University to Henderson County which would be housed in Henderson County with a program starting students in August of 2011.

Commissioner McGrady stated a draft resolution was circulated and the the Board requested the following changes: in the caption of the resolution “supporting the effort to establish a campus of Wingate University in Henderson County”; in the fifth whereas, “Wingate recently made the decision to place 72 fulltime pharmacy students in Western North Carolina by August 2011”; and the last line to read “whole heartedly supports the effort to establish a campus of Wingate University in Henderson County”.

Commissioner McGrady made the motion that the Board adopts the resolution with changes as noted above.

Chairman Moyer questioned if Wingate would be starting with 72 fulltime students or if the first class would be 18 students and building up to 72 students over 4 years.

County Manager Steve Wyatt stated that a letter from Wingate had referenced to start 72 students but was not sure.

Commissioner Williams was under the impression that it would start at 18 and build up to 72 students.

Commissioner McGrady suggested a further change in the fifth whereas as follows: “Wingate University made the decision to ultimately place 72 fulltime pharmacy students in Western North Carolina with the first

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class beginning in August 2011.

Commissioner McGrady amended his motion to include the additional change. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

ADJOURN
Commissioner Young made the motion that the Board adjourn at 7:40p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Attest:

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board

William L. Moyer, Chairman
RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A CAMPUS OF WINGATE UNIVERSITY IN HENDERSON COUNTY

WHEREAS, Wingate University has developed one of the most respected pharmacy programs in the United States during the past decade and, in fact, has the only program in North Carolina that routinely has 100% of its graduates pass the licensure exam each year; and

WHEREAS, The pharmacy program has consistently enrolled large numbers of students from Western North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Since the program began, Wingate has been successfully placing students in clinical rotations at Pardee, Park Ridge, and the VA Hospital in Western North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Wingate has spent several years developing a program which would best serve the people of Henderson County and Western North Carolina, while providing adequately for the clinical needs of Wingate students; and

WHEREAS, Wingate recently made the decision to place 72 full time pharmacy students in Western North Carolina with the first class being in August 2011; and

WHEREAS, Wingate intends to begin offering Physician Assistant studies and a Masters in Business Administration as soon as an adequate site can be selected; and

WHEREAS, Wingate will be hiring 10 full time employees in the pharmacy program and anticipate an additional 10-12 full time Wingate University employees serving the other programs as they are introduced; and

WHEREAS, Wingate anticipates academic programs which could eventually serve 200-250 students annually;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners recognizes this tremendous opportunity for the citizens of the county and Western North Carolina and appreciates Wingate University’s reputation for excellence in academics as well as community service and therefore, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners fully and whole heartedly supports the effort to establish a campus of Wingate University in Henderson County.

This is the 12th of August, 2010.

William L. Moyer, Chairman

Attest:

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk