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Press Release

INPUT WANTED IN DEVELOPMENT OF 2007 STRATEGIC PLAN

July 20, 2006 - (*Hendersonville, NC*) - The Henderson County Board of Commissioners seeks input from residents on the future of the County. Input will be taken in two ways: through a series of four community meetings and through an e-survey on the county's website. The public is cordially invited to attend any of the four community listening sessions, titled, "Listening to Our Community", scheduled for the following dates and times:

- Tuesday August 1, 2006 at 9:00AM
- Tuesday August 1, 2006 at 3:00PM
- Thursday, August 3, at 12 Noon
- Thursday, August 3, at 6:00PM

All meetings will be held in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room, and will be taped and subsequently televised on HCTV-11, the County Government Channel.

The meetings will focus on three very important questions:

1. What do you feel are Henderson County's most important issues, opportunities, and challenges (strategic issues) for the upcoming four to five years? And why?
2. Do you have suggestions (strategies) for how the County should address these strategic issues, opportunities, and challenges?
3. North Carolina law provides counties one primary source of revenue to be used to finance its operations – property taxes. In limited instances, counties are permitted to charge fees for services. Given this, how would you propose that Henderson County should finance the initiatives that you have suggested?

In addition to the above-referenced listening sessions, an e-survey will be used to gain community input into the Strategic Plan. The e-survey will pose the same questions and will be available at www.hendersoncountync.org after the beginning of August. Input received from the listening sessions and the e-survey will be compiled and reported to the Board of Commissioners in October. Ultimately, a retreat will be held in December to discuss both the Strategic Plan and the Capital Improvement Plan, and provide a final draft for adoption in January 2007.

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