

**Haywood County
Board of Commissioners**

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Community Proposal Concerning

The Acquisition of the

Instructional Materials Center

AKA Pigeon Street Elementary School

The Board of County Commissioners

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The Pigeon Community Development Club, realizing the lack of supervised activities and the absence of a place to facilitate those activities presents this proposal to the Haywood County Board of Commissioners for your consideration.

We propose, as a unified community club, that the Pigeon Community Development Club be allowed to lease the property soon to be vacated by the school system, for use as a community center. We envision this center as being a focal point for **specific programs, health, fitness, recreational activities, appropriate family oriented activities, an overall help and resource center for the entire community.** The facility, used properly, could facilitate an adult day care facility, a satellite library and numerous other revenue generating concerns, which there may be a need for in the community.

We propose to create a wholesome and healthy atmosphere for our local community, encourage an attractive and safe facility, fulfill our obligation as a people to our fellow persons, to instruct, support, and set a positive example, exercising those **God-given** talents which have been so generously given to us. Using this opportunity to impact our community, while maintaining and setting a standard, focusing on the vision we have to

make a difference by utilizing this facility to its fullest and maximum potential. A bridge or prompt to get from one place to another.

This is an incredible transitional opportunity for this community to finally commit to **effective management, responsibility, quality, accountability, communication, racial, sexual, age, and economic diversity, public relations and trust, flexibility, change, planning, research, and development.** We project **longevity, respect, grant preparation and funding, allowing the facility once again to be an integral part of the community.**

This arrangement would encourage community involvement and be an aid in addressing immediate concerns, not only in the community but in the county community at large. Our long-term goal is to make a **collective deposit** of ourselves into the **growth of community, region, county, state, and nation.** A team effort utilizing **data and technology, our abilities and knowledge, our cultural backgrounds and determination, our various skill levels, critical thinking and problem solving, leadership values and faith.** Economic development and growth will provide, unite and ignite that desire we have inside to use these assets to effectively assist, serve and enrich our community of **seniors, children, young adults, single parents,**

and families in general; one step at a time until we are satisfied with the results.

We are optimistic about our plan and trust that adequate financial goals will be realized that will allow this facility to meet all obligations. It is our intent to have numerous fund-raisers that will enable the sound operation of this facility, both now and in the future. Financial planning at the present time for this facility is not plausible; however with the realization of our goal, financial planning would naturally take precedence as our main objective. In addition to the county appropriation for community clubs, we understandably would have to satisfy debt concerns over and above this amount. At this time we envision funds being raised through varying fundraisers, and with the anticipated reception of grants and gifts.

The Pigeon Community Development Club was formed to facilitate the management of this center and will continue to exist for the betterment of our community, which will allow us to enhance our quality of living and how we are included as members of the society at large. With no regard to the outcome of this proposal.

We appeal to this board to sincerely consider this request. The vacancy being created by the relocation of the occupants of this facility poses a great opportunity for the community to fill a void. No longer will our

young people have to walk the streets in search of "something to do", nor will the obvious problems of a community without direction; due to a lack of inclusion, be a prevailing problem in our community. A general feel of ownership would undoubtedly be experienced by all involved.

We implore this board to make a decision favorable to our cause concerning this facility. A hope that the community will be strengthened and allowed to experience all the satisfaction derived with this transaction, **a new found respect, financial gain and responsibility, accountability and the feeling of acceptance gained from inclusion.** *This facility would not be for one part of the community but the entire community as a whole.* We are a very diverse group and we come to the table with many talents and attributes to aid in this plan becoming a reality.

Thank you in advance for your consideration!