

CONTRACT NO. 12-03-0342

The Capitol Group

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January 15, 2003

Mr. Thomas Lundy
County Manager, Catawba County
Post Office Box 389
Newton, North Carolina 28658-0389

Mr. Gary McGee
Hickory City Manager
Post Office Box 398
Hickory, North Carolina 28603

Dear Mr. Lundy and Mr. McGee:

This letter will serve as a Consulting and Professional Services Agreement under which I will represent and advocate on behalf of Catawba County and the City of Hickory with respect to all government relations matters.

This Agreement shall commence January 2003 and will continue in effect until December 2003 or until either party terminates it on thirty days (30) notice.

The fee for services shall be \$5,000.00 per month plus ordinary expenses not exceeding \$400.00 per month, all extraordinary expenses shall be approved in advance.

I will take direction from and report to the Catawba County Manager on matters involving the county and the City Manager of Hickory on matters concerning the city. Should any potential conflict arise, the parties agree to notify each other of any concern.

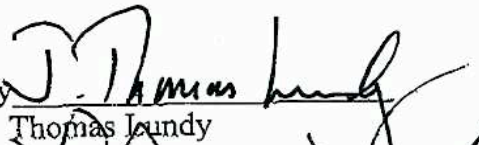
If you approve, please sign and return one original to me. I look forward to working with you during the coming year.

Sincerely,

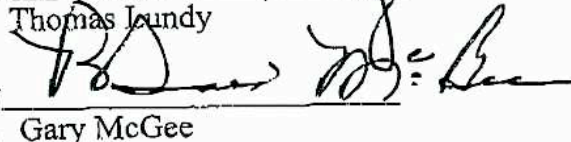



Donald R. Beason.

For Catawba County


Thomas Lundy

For City of Hickory


Gary McGee


Gloria W. Williams, City Clerk

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December 12, 2006

Catawba County
City of Hickory
Post Office Box 389
Newton, North Carolina 28658-0389

Gentlemen:

This letter will serve as an extension of the Agreement under which we will advise, represent and advocate for Catawba County and the City of Hickory.

This Agreement will continue in effect until December 31, 2007 or until either party terminates it on thirty days notice. This Agreement may be extended upon terms agreed to by all parties.

The fee for services will be seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) per month, discounted to five thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars (\$5,250.00) per month plus ordinary expenses not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per month. Any extra ordinary expenses will require prior approval.

We have enjoyed working for you and look forward to a successful year.

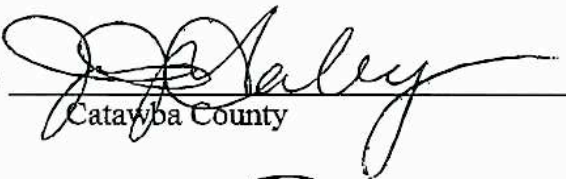
Sincerely,



Donald R. Beason



Mark C. Beason

Accepted: 
Catawba County

Accepted: 
City of Hickory

