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**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON  
OCTOBER 3, 2011**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on October 3, 2011, at 1:45 p.m., Room A201, Justice & Administration Building, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Jack Debnam, Chairman  
Doug Cody, Vice Chair  
Charles Elders, Commissioner  
Mark Jones, Commissioner  
Joe Cowan, Commissioner

Chuck Wooten, County Manager  
Evelyn Baker, Clerk to Board

Chairman Debnam called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose is to receive public input regarding submittal of a grant application to the NC Dept. of Commerce.

Ryan Sherby, Southwestern Commission Region A representative, stated the North Carolina Association of Regional Councils has been directed to create a statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The N. C. Division of Community Assistance is funding the initiative through a CDBG grant to local governments. The county, on behalf of Region A, will be the designated applicant for the grant. The only responsibility the county will have is to receive and disburse the grant funds. Region A will assume responsibility for all required reporting associated with the grant. After the application is completed, another public hearing will be scheduled. Pending receipt of the grant, a local steering committee made up of representatives from the seven western counties will be formed.

**Public Comments: None**

There being no public comments, Chairman Debnam moved to adjourn the public hearing. Commissioner Elders seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Attest:

Approved:

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Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

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W. J. Debnam, Chairman