

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
OCTOBER 6, 2014**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on October 6, 2014 at 1:45 pm, Justice & Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Jack Debnam, Chairman
Doug Cody, Vice Chair
Charles Elders, Commissioner
Mark Jones, Commissioner
Vicki Greene, Commissioner

Chuck Wooten, County Manager
Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board
J. K. Coward, Jr., County Attorney

Chairman Debnam called the hearing to order and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public input on the proposed application for the FY2014-15 Rural Operating & Assistance Program (ROAP).

Chuck Norris, Transit Director stated the application is recurring and the county is required to apply every year. Historically, EDTAP and RGP funds have been awarded to Jackson County Transit to provide transportation services to the general public. The programs included in the Rural Operating Assistance Program application are:

1. Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance (EDTAP) Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation of elderly and disabled citizens.
2. Employment Transportation Assistance Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation of persons with employment related transportation needs.
3. Rural General Public (RGP) Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation of persons living in non-urban areas of the county.

The period of performance for Rural Operating Assistance Program funds is July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The FY2015 ROAP individual program totals are:

PROGRAM	TOTAL
EDTAP	\$55,553
EMPL	\$10,079
RGP	\$55,746
TOTAL	\$120,378

RGP funds require up to a 10% match that can be provided from fares, local funds or a combination of the two. Historically, RGP fares collected during the year cover the required match.

Public Comments: None

There being no public comments, Commissioner Cody moved that the hearing be adjourned. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

W. J. Debnam, Chairman