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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
APRIL 15, 2003**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom, Justice & Administration Building, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Stacy Buchanan, Chairman
Roberta Crawford, Vice Chairman
Joe Cowan, Commissioner
Brian McMahan, Commissioner
Eddie Madden, Commissioner
Kenneth L. Westmoreland, County Manager
Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Buchanan called the hearing to order and stated the purpose is to receive public input on consideration of the Rural Operating & Assistance Program Grant.

Chuck Norris, Transit Director, explained that the Rural Operating and Assistance Program (ROAP) application is recurring. The funds are made available to counties through a formula allocation. County governments are the only eligible applicants for the funds. The total that Jackson County will be receiving for FY04 is \$73,196 which includes \$42,041 for the Elderly and Disabled, \$26,662 for the Rural General Public and \$4,493 in Work First funds. A request has been made for approximately \$15,000 in discretionary Rural General Public funds to assist in the start up of a new general public route.

Chairman Buchanan then opened the floor for public comment.

No public comments were made.

Commissioner Crawford moved that the hearing be adjourned. Commissioner McMahan seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Attested By:

Approved:

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

Stacy Buchanan, Chairman