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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
MAY 13, 2003**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at 4:00 p.m. in the Boardroom, Justice & Administration Building, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Stacy Buchanan, Chairman
Roberta Crawford, Vice Chairman
Brian McMahan, Commissioner
Eddie Madden, Commissioner
Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to the Board

Absent: Commissioner Joe Cowan, Attorney Paul Holt

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and stated the purpose is to hold a public hearing on the Secondary Roads Program for the upcoming fiscal year.

Members present from the Department of Transportation were: Conrad Burrell, Ron Watson, Mark Gibbs, Joel Setzer, Wanda Roach, Jonathan Woodard, Edwin Austin, Dale Davis, Rob Shelton, and Danny Shuler.

Mr. Burrell gave a brief overview of the purpose of Secondary Roads Public Hearings. Mr. Watson reported on new programs being implemented for improving roads in the county. Mr. Joel Setzer explained what funds are allocated for improving secondary roads.

Mr. Gibbs presented the proposed paving list consisting of 12.08 miles at a total cost of \$3,020,000. There are two paved road improvements planned, Little Savannah Road and Barkers Creek Road, subject to the availability of funds, right of way, and environmental review for an estimated cost of \$488,000. In addition, the sum of \$862,000 has been allocated for spot stabilization, safety improvements, curve widening, draining improvements, road additions, etc. The total amount available is \$4,370,000.

Mr. Patrick Provitola inquired why DOT could not add a portion of Piney Mountain Estates Road to its maintenance system. He stated that the homeowners had paved the first 800 feet since he had been previously advised it was too steep for DOT maintenance. Mr. Gibbs responded that the maximum grade for DOT to maintain is 15% and cannot assume maintenance on any road unless it connects to another state road. DOT officials will visit and re-evaluate the site.

Mr. Leonard Lord inquired about the status of Lakeside Circle and Chimney Pond Roads. Mr. Woodard responded that the right of way had finally been resolved and hopefully construction will begin this season.

Other inquires and responses were:

- (a) Speedwell Road: DOT attempting to acquire right of way by donation
- (b) Little Savannah Road: Under Condemnation
- (c) S. River Road: Ready for construction.

Commissioner Crawford moved that the hearing be adjourned. Commissioner McMahan seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Attested By:

Approved:

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

Stacy Buchanan, Chairman