

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
OCTOBER 17, 2005**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on Monday, October 17, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom, Justice & Administration Building, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Brian T. McMahan, Chairman
 Roberta Crawford, Vice Chair
 Joe Cowan, Commissioner
 Eddie Madden, Commissioner
 Kenneth L. Westmoreland, County Manager
 W. Paul Holt, County Attorney
 Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to the Board
Absent: Conrad Burrell, Commissioner

Chairman McMahan called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose is to receive public comment concerning the close out of the Community Development Block Grant Program, 2003 Scattered Site Housing Program, Grant #03-C-1128.

Joan Stillwell, Community Development Director, stated that Jackson County proposed to rehabilitate twelve houses in the application. The county was awarded \$400,000. Through additional Community Development Block Grant funding, the county was awarded a total of \$700,000. These funds were used to relocate seven houses, conducted seven clearance activities and rehabilitated three additional houses. These houses were owner-occupied, single families with lower to moderate incomes. Grant funds spent on the ten homes totaled \$648,167.74. Planning and administration costs totaled \$49,500 for a grand total of \$697,667.74.

Mr. Westmoreland stated that Mr. Johnny Quick of the N.C. Division of Community Assistance visited the office last week, after completing his final monitoring visit, and indicated that Jackson County was in full compliance with all provisions of the CDBG regulations. Mr. Quick will be sending the Board a final report.

Mary Bryson of Cashiers stated that her house was rehabilitated as a result of the grant and thanked the Board and Ms. Stillwell for helping her to now have a safe house. Linda Sellers stated that her mother, Cora Beasley, was the recipient of a new house and thanked the Board and Ms. Stillwell for assisting her mother by furnishing her with a new house. Mary Sutton stated that her mother, Ellen Higdon, was also the recipient of a new house and expressed appreciation for Ms. Stillwell's assistance. Ellen Higdon expressed appreciation for her new house.

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

Attested By:

Approved:

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman