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**MINUTES OF A
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
MAY 30, 2006**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a joint Special Meeting with the Jackson County Board of Education on May, 30, 2006, at 6:00 pm, Smoky Mountain High School, Sylva, North Carolina.

Board of Commissioners:

Brian T. McMahan, Chairman
Joe Cowan, Commissioner
Roberta Crawford, Vice Chair
Kenneth L. Westmoreland, County Mgr.
Darlene Fox, Finance Director
Pat Parris, Temporary Clerk

Absent: Eddie Madden, Commissioner
Conrad Burrell, Commissioner

Board of Education:

Ken Henke, Chairman
Ali Laird-Large, Vice Chair
Mark Brooks
Thurza McNair
Sue Nations, Superintendent
Steve Jones, Assist. Superintendent
David Steinbecker, Finance Officer
Betty Brown, Clerk to Board

Chairman McMahan called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the joint meeting is to discuss the Board of Education's budget requests for FY2006-07 and consider the SMH Sitework/Phase I bids.

The Commissioners were given a tour of the SMH campus and Fairview School.

Agenda: Commissioner Crawford moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Cowan seconded the Motion. Motion carried

(1) **FINE ARTS/GYM, BALLFIELDS:** Ms. Nations stated that the School Board would like a timeline for the fine arts/gym and ballfields. Chairman McMahan responded that the County has not, at this time, made a projected timeline, but that the matter would be taken up with the new Board during next year's budget planning process.

(2) **"D" BUILDING:** Ms. Nations stated that the School Board would like to complete the renovations to "D" Building this budget year because the heating/cooling system is a "timebomb". The exact costs for completing "D" Building are unknown at this time, but an additional \$300,000 is anticipated. Mr. Westmoreland stated that he anticipated the state to provide ADM funds this year which could possibly help with the costs.

(3) **FAIRVIEW KINDERGARTEN**: Mr. Henke stated that the kindergarten classrooms are a priority and the School Board prefers the plan with six classrooms.

(4) **TEACHER SALARIES**: The School Board had budgeted 5% for teacher raises; however, the School Board will be short \$81,000 and requested the County to allocate this amount if the state budget passes with an 8% raise.

(5) **SCHOOL MAINTENANCE**: The School Board requested that the County allocate an additional \$400,000 for school maintenance and stated that \$135,000 could possibly be saved through joint purchasing.

(6) **SMOKY MOUNTAIN HIGH SITEWORK/PHASE I BIDS**: Mr. Westmoreland stated that three bids were submitted. The low bidder was Buchanan & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$2,408,000. Cort Architectural Group recommended awarding the bid. Commissioner Crawford moved to award the bid to Buchanan & Sons, Inc. Chairman McMahan seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There being no further business, Commissioner Crawford moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Cowan seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Pat Parris, Temporary Clerk

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman