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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
DECEMBER 4, 2006**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 4, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., Justice & Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

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

Chairman McMahan called the meeting to order.

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

MINUTES: Commissioner Cowan moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2006. Commissioner Madden seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

INFORMAL COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC: Sarah Graham, Bridge Park Project Coordinator, stated that the fundraising committee has raised \$10,000. She urged the Board to award the municipal grant to the Bridge Park Project.

- (1) MUNICIPAL GRANTS:** The following applications were submitted:
- (a) Town of Dillsboro: Monteith Park Project Phase I – site for Fine Arts Theater and Outdoor-Stage area.
 - (b) Town of Sylva: Bridge Park Project – build a public space on current municipal parking lot between Railroad Ave. and Scotts Creek.
 - (c) Town of Sylva: Dillsboro Connector Pathway – construct a 4,500 foot multimodal pathway from the Jackson County Greenway at Mark Watson Park to the Greenway path near Dillsboro.
 - (d) Village of Forest Hills: “Presence” Entrance Project – build and beautify the entrance to the Village at the intersection of Hwy. 107.
 - (e) Village Conservancy, Inc.: The Village Play in the Village Green Project – for maintenance and upkeep.

Commissioner Crawford moved to award \$10,000 to the Town of Dillsboro for the Monteith Park Project and \$10,000 to the Town of Sylva for the Bridge Park Project. Commissioner Cowan seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(2) **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**: Chairman McMahan stated he enjoyed serving with one of the hardest working Boards that he has ever worked with. He stated he was very proud of what this Board has accomplished.

(3) **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**: Mr. Westmoreland stated it had been a privilege to serve this Board. The members should take great pride in how they have governed and carried out their duties with dignity and respect towards each other. The Board has been faced with some very difficult issues and made numerous accomplishments. The citizens of the county will grow to appreciate the accomplishments of this Board.

(4) **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**:

(a) Commissioner Crawford stated she was honored to serve the citizens of Jackson County for the past eight years. She stated that Jackson County is very fortunate to have such dedicated and helpful employees.

(b) Commissioner Burrell stated he had served 24 years as Register of Deeds and as a Commissioner for 6 years. He stated he enjoyed working with the Board and appreciated the opportunity to serve Jackson County.

(c) Commissioner Madden stated he it had been a pleasure to serve Jackson County, work with this Board, former Chairman Buchanan, Mr. Holt, Mr. Westmoreland and his staff.

(d) Commissioner Cowan stated it has been a privilege serving on the Board and was very proud of its accomplishments.

(e) Stacy Buchanan, former Chairman, stated he enjoyed serving the citizens of Jackson County, working with this Board and was very proud of its accomplishments.

(f) A special thanks was given to Mr. Westmoreland, Evelyn Baker, Pat Parris and Mr. Holt for their service to the Board.

Commissioner Burrell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Madden seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Attested By:

Approved:

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to the Board

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman