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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
MARCH 2, 2009**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Meeting on March 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Room A201, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Brian T. McMahan, Chairman
Tom Massie, Vice Chair
Joe Cowan, Commissioner
William Shelton, Commissioner
Mark Jones, Commissioner

Ken L. Westmoreland, County Manager
W. Paul Holt, Jr., County Attorney
Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to Board

Chairman McMahan called the meeting to order.

AGENDA: Commissioner Massie moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Shelton seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing of February 16, 2009 and Regular Meeting of February 16, 2009. Commissioner Cowan seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

INFORMAL COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:

(a) Marie Leatherwood of Sylva reiterated her concerns about the lack of EDC/JDC financial records.

(b) Linda Watson of Cullowhee reported the "Sounds of Jackson County" group raised \$5,904.43 for the new library. The funds have been deposited with the county finance office.

(c) Jim McCarthy of Greens Creek suggested that public comments be permitted at the March 10 inter-government meeting. He stated the county should not allow the EDC to form another 501C3 entity. He requested that copying at the library be reduced to \$0.10 for students and JAG will contribute \$1,000 to offset the costs.

(1) **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Chairman McMahan reported that as an NCACC executive officer, he and officers from three other counties met with the Governor last week concerning the economy and budget shortfall crisis. The executive officers of the NC Association of County Commissioners and NC League of Municipalities will meet with the Governor on a quarterly basis to discuss local issues.

(2) **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:** Commissioner Massie reported that the water task force met on February 26 and will have recommendations available at the March 10 multi-jurisdictional meeting. He expressed appreciation for the entire task force and their work on water issues.

(3) COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Westmoreland stated the following budget work sessions are scheduled: March 18, 9:00 am (Re: health insurance), March 25, 9:00 am (joint meeting with school board) and March 30, 6:00 pm (operations budget).

(4) AMERICAN RECYCLING: In June 2007 American Recycling of South Carolina, LLC, contracted to pay the county \$25/ton for paper; however, since November 1, 2008, has only been paying \$15/ton. The company has requested permission to continue paying that amount until June 2009 and that all arrearages will be paid in full no later than September 1, 2009. Carry over.

(5) EQUALIZATION & REVIEW BOARD: Richard Wilson, Gail Cooper, Richard Robson, Rogers Shelton and Steve Pierson have agreed to continue to serve if reappointed. Commissioner Shelton requested and was granted permission to recuse himself from voting because Rogers Shelton is his father.

***Motion:** Commissioner Cowan moved to reappoint Richard Wilson, Gail Cooper, Richard Robson, Rogers Shelton, and Steve Pierson 1-year terms on the Board of Equalization & Review Board. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried.*

***Motion:** Commissioner Massie moved to reappoint Richard Wilson as Chair of the Equalization & Review Board. Commissioner Cowan seconded the Motion. Motion carried.*

(6) AIRPORT AUTHORITY: Carry over.

There being no further business, Commissioner Cowan moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Shelton seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to Board

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman