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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
APRIL 2, 2007**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on April 2, 2007 at 5:30 p.m., Room A201, Justice & Administration Building, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Brian T. McMahan, Chairman
Joe Cowan, Vice Chair
Tom Massie, Commissioner
William Shelton, Commissioner
Mark Jones, Commissioner
Kenneth L. Westmoreland, County Manager
Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to the Board

Chairman McMahan called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public input on the proposed amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance as recommended by the Solid Waste Advisory Board.

(1) Benjamin Woods, Trash Company of Cashiers and member of the Solid Waste Advisory Board stated he agrees with the amendments but has concerns about the C&D Transfer Stations closing at 4:00 pm because it limits private haulers disposing of commercial waste. He suggested the possibility of allowing commercial waste to be placed in one or two SRC's, one at the north and one at the south end of the county from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

(2) John Woods, Trash Company of Cashiers, stated he has no problems with the proposed revisions to the ordinance; however, due to the traffic gridlock in the Cashiers area due to DOT road construction and excessive summer traffic – in summer time private haulers make four or five trips per day to the SRC, thus it is impossible for haulers to successfully operate if there is a 4:00 pm deadline. He also stated that the containers for recyclables need to be improved because the present design is too time consuming. He suggested reconsidering the cutoff time for disposal of residential trash.

(3) Dwight Holden of Cashiers and owner of Holden Enterprises which is primarily roll-off container business stated he agrees with the majority of the proposed regulations in the ordinance; however, the requirement of a job name for trash delivered to the transfer stations is time consuming and suggested that the county design a method whereby haulers could transmit job names via radio or an intercom system without the driver having to get in and out of trucks at each and every visit. He suggested that the Board consider reducing the \$85/ton mixed waste fee. He also recommended that the facilities at the Mineral Springs transfer station be enlarged so haulers do not have to wait an excessive amount of time.

There being no further public comments, Commissioner Shelton moved that the public hearing be adjourned. Chairman McMahan seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Attested By:

Approved:

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman