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**MINUTES OF A
BUDGET WORK SESSION
OF THE
JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
JUNE 18, 2007**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Budget Work Session on June 18, 2007, at 6:00 pm, Justice & Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Brian T. McMahan, Chairman
Tom Massie, Commissioner
William Shelton, Commissioner
Mark Jones, Commissioner
Kenneth L. Westmoreland, County Manager
Evelyn Baker, Clerk to Board
Darlene Fox, Finance Director

Absent: Joe Cowan, Vice Chair

Chairman McMahan called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the work session is to discuss the FY2007-08 budget.

(1) **SHERIFF'S BUDGET**: By consensus, the Sheriff/Jail Budget was increased \$144,122.00; however, of the three new detention officer positions, one will not be hired until October 15, 2007.

(2) **REACH, INC.**: As requested, REACH submitted 2006 statistical information and recent audit report. By majority consensus, an appropriation of \$35,000.00 was allocated based upon a contract being determined.

(3) **EDC**: Darlene Fox, Finance Director, stated there is a change in the format for two funds: EDC will be set up as a special enterprise account and a line item change for Community Health Link.

(4) **VEHICLES**: Commissioner Massie inquired, due to the rise in the cost of fuel and number of county vehicles, how many employees are taking vehicles home at night when there is no need to do so. Mr. Westmoreland stated that vehicle use is routinely monitored and there is no abuse. Commissioner Massie stated monitoring should continue because the costs for vehicles and gas are paid with tax dollars and are not for personal use to get back and forth to work.

There being no further business, Commissioner Shelton moved that the work session be adjourned. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman

