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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
JUNE 18, 2007**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on June 18, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Room A201, Sylva, North Carolina.

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

Chairman McMahan called the meeting to order.

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

MINUTES: Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 4, 2007, Work Session of June 7, 2007 and Public Hearing of June 11, 2007. Commissioner Shelton seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

INFORMAL COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC: Marie Leatherwood stated that not all of JDC's monetary assets, rentals, etc. are in a balanced recoverable state. She asked for an explanation of EDC's expenditures in excess of \$600,000 over a five-year period not including the \$568,000 mortgage from JDC, and a plan that does not serve the citizens, only EDC and JDC.

Benjamin Woods requested that private haulers be allowed to dispose of residential waste in the SRC's until 7:00 p.m. Mr. Westmoreland responded that the Cashiers SRC will be operating as a C&D Transfer Station in addition to a SRC. The commercial and C&D operations will close at 4:00 p.m. the same as the Mineral Springs Station; however, the SRC will remain open until 7:00 p.m. Private residential garbage haulers may use the SRC's until 7:00 p.m. as usual. Commercial and residential trash cannot be commingled and disposed of at the SRC's.

- (1) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Chairman McMahan reported:
- (a) He attended the NCACC retreat and Medicaid relief is still being discussed in the legislature.
 - (b) The Board worked diligently, along with other entities, over the past six months on proposals to entice Jackson Paper to expand its operations in Jackson County and was poised to offer in excess of \$1 million in tax credits and other incentives.

(2) **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**: Commissioner Massie stated that the local and state incentives offered to Jackson Paper were actually higher than those offered by Georgia and Rabun County. Even though the company will expand in Georgia, efforts were not wasted and he anticipates Jackson County will ultimately benefit.

(3) **FINANCE & TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS FOR MAY 2007 and BUDGET AMENDMENTS**: Commissioner Massie moved to approve the Finance & Tax Collector's reports for May 2007 and budget amendments. Commissioner Shelton seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(4) **WORK FIRST PLAN AMENDMENT**: Commissioner Massie moved to approve the Work First Plan amendment. Commissioner Shelton seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(5) **RECYCLING CONTRACT**: Commissioner Shelton moved to renew the contract with FCR. Commissioner Massie seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(6) **SMOKY MOUNTAIN BIOFUELS**: Carry over to July 2.

(7) **BUDGET ORDINANCE FY2007-2008**: Carry over to June 26.

(8) **NORTHSTAR LANE RESOLUTION (R07-13)**: Commissioner Shelton moved to adopt a resolution adding Northstar Lane to DOT's maintenance system. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(9) **NURSING & REST HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE**: By letter, Sarajane Melton, Regional Ombudsman, recommended that Mary Moody and Peggy Revis be reappointed to the Nursing & Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. Ms. Melton also stated that due to the decrease in long-term care beds, there is no need to have the third vacancy filled at this time. Commissioner Massie moved to reappoint Mary Moody and Peggy Revis to 3-year terms on the Nursing & Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. Commissioner Shelton seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(10) **SEDIMENT CONTROL ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**: Carry over to June 26.

(11) **SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE**: Work Sessions were scheduled on June 26 at 6:30 p.m., July 9 at 6:00 p.m. and tentatively on July 12 at 6:00 p.m. A second Public Hearing/Special Meeting was scheduled on July 19, Courtroom One, at 7:00 p.m.

(12) **MOUNTAIN & HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE**: Work Sessions were scheduled on June 26 at 6:30 p.m., July 9 at 6:00 p.m. and tentatively on July 12 at 6:00 p.m. A second Public Hearing/Special Meeting was scheduled on July 19, at 7:00 p.m.

(13) **MOUNTAIN VIEW VENTURES**: A proposed Development Agreement will be presented on July 2. A Special Meeting for a site visit was scheduled on July 12 at 1:00 p.m. A Public Hearing/Special Meeting was scheduled on July 19 at 6:00 p.m.

(14) **SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD APPOINTMENT**: Chairman McMahan nominated Roberta Crawford and Commissioner Massie nominated Rob Sutton. By majority vote, the Board appointed Rob Sutton to a 3-year term on the Social Services Board.

At 6:40 p.m., Chairman McMahan recessed the meeting until June 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Attested By:

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

Approved:

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman

