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

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on July 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 is to receive public input on the proposed application for a Rural Operating & Assistance Program.

Chuck Norris, Transit Director, stated that the application is recurring and the county is required to apply every year. The funds are made available to counties through a formula allocation and county government is the only eligible applicant for the funds. The total FY07-08 allocation for Jackson County will be \$140,330 which includes \$71,513 for the elderly and disabled, \$59,655 for the rural general public and \$9,162 in employment transportation assistance. The rural general public funds require up to a 10% match that can be provided from fares, local funds or a combination of the two. The RGP fares collected during the year cover the required match.

There being no public comments, Commissioner Shelton moved to adjourn the public hearing. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote and the hearing adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Attested By:

Approved:

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman