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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
JULY 23, 2007**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on July 23, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Room A201, Sylva, North Carolina.

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

Chairman McMahan called the meeting to order.

AGENDA: Chairman McMahan amended the Agenda by adding Approve Macon County Appointment to SCC Board of Trustees. Commissioner Shelton moved to approve the amended Agenda. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Commissioner Shelton moved to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing of July 2, 2007, Regular Meeting of July 2, 2007, Work Session of July 2, 2007, Work Session of July 9, 2007, Special Meeting of July 12, and two Public Hearings/Special Meetings of July 19, 2007. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

INFORMAL COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC: None

(1) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman McMahan reported:

- (a) He attended the NACO conference along with 3,000 county commissioners from across the nation in Richmond, Va., last week. One of the most common themes was land use conservation.
- (b) A joint meeting with EDC is scheduled on August 13, 6:00 p.m., Room 246.

(2) COMMISSIONERS REPORTS: Commissioner Jones thanked the County Manager and maintenance staff for repairs to the Golden Age Center.

(3) FINANCE & TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS FOR JUNE 2007: Darlene Fox, Finance Director, presented the following highlights:

<u>General Fund Revenues Collected to Date</u>	<u>\$ 41,655,768.91</u>
<u>General Fund Expenditures to Date</u>	<u>\$ 42,674,736.89</u>
<u>Ad Valorem Tax Collected</u>	<u>\$ 21,833,554.83</u>
<u>Sales & Use Tax for April 2007</u>	<u>\$ 841,714.55</u>
<u>Landfill Disposal Fees</u>	<u>\$ 1,184,504.31</u>
<u>Payment in lieu of taxes (80,250 acres federal)</u>	<u>\$ 115,872.00</u>
<u>Contingency Balance</u>	<u>\$ 72,479.06</u>

(4) BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Health Dept	\$	29,325.00
Emergency Mgmt	\$	17,786.00
Emergency Telephone Fund	\$	17,786.00
EDC Special Rev Fund, EDC Enterprise Fund	\$	79,807.53
EDC Special Rev Fund	\$	35,752.00
EDC Enterprise Fund	\$	55,148.20

Commissioner Cowan moved to approve the Finance & Tax Collector's reports for June 2007 and Budget Amendments. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(5) PLANNING BOARD CHAIR and VICE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS:

Richard Wilson has agreed to continue to serve as Chair and Kim Cowan has agreed to continue to serve as Vice Chair if reappointed. Commissioner Jones moved to reappoint Richard Wilson to a one-year term as Chair and Kim Cowan to a one-year term as Vice Chair of the Planning Board. Commissioner Shelton seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(6) SCATTERED SITE HOUSING PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT:

Joan Stillwell, Community Development Director, reported that the C1 - \$400,000 Grant includes two rehabilitation projects and three relocation projects. The two rehabilitation projects are complete. One relocation project is complete and two are in progress. There have been no problems or delays. Expenditures for the quarter (April - June 2007) are: \$3,919.15 administration funds and \$223,215.08 project funds.

(7) CHAF QUARTERLY REPORT: Ms. Stillwell stated that as of today both homes, one replacement and one for repairs are complete.

(8) FAIRVIEW KINDERGARTEN: Mr. Westmoreland stated that change order proposals were received from Buchanan & Sons, Inc. and Phillips & Jordan, Inc. for Phase 1 Site Preparation for the Fairview Kindergarten building. Both contractors are currently working on the site. Buchanan & Sons, Inc. change order proposal is \$78,000 and Phillips & Jordan, Inc.'s is \$81,000. Cort Architectural recommends the change order for the Fairview Kindergarten project in the amount of \$78,000 to Buchanan & Sons, Inc. Commissioner Cowan moved to ratify the change order to Buchanan & Sons, Inc. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(9) LITTLE LEAGUE ALL STAR TEAM: Commissioner Cowan moved to ratify a \$1,000.00 contribution to the Jackson County Little League All Star Team to help with travel expenses. Commissioner Shelton seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(10) SCC APPOINTMENT: Commissioner Cowan moved to approve Terry Bell as Macon County's appointment to the SCC Board of Trustees. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Shelton moved that the Board go into closed session pursuant to G. S. 143-318(a)(5) Real Property and G. S. 143-381.11(a)(4) Business Expansion. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Chairman McMahan called the open session back to order and reported no action was taken in closed session.

Commissioner Shelton moved to amend the Agenda by adding Smoky Mountain Bio-Fuels, Inc. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(11) SMOKY MOUNTAIN BIO-FUELS, INC. LEASE: Commissioner Cowan moved to approve an amended 10-year Lease with Smoky Mountain Bio-Fuels, Inc. at the Green Energy Park. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There being no further business, Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cowan seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Attest:

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

Approved:

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman

