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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING/WORK SESSION  
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON  
AUGUST 13, 2007**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Meeting/Work Session with the Economic Development Commission Board of Directors on August 13, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Room 246, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present:	Brian T. McMahan, Chairman	<u>EDC Board</u>	
	William Shelton, Commissioner	Rick Fulton, Chairman	Norma Moss
	Mark Jones, Commissioner	Patrick Holleman	Brenda Oliver
	Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to Board	J. K. Coward, Jr.	Jean Hartbarger
Absent:	Joe Cowan, Vice Chair	Eugene Hansen	Irene Hooper
	Tom Massie, Commissioner	Darlene Fox, Treasurer	

Chairman McMahan called the meeting to order.

**(1) COUNTY DEBT TO EDC:** Mr. Fulton stated that EDC will discuss forgiving the debt owed by the county to EDC at its August 27 meeting. Mr. Hansen stated forgiving that debt it is the right thing to do.

**(2) WORKING AGREEMENT:** Mr. Fulton stated that EDC is formulating directions and wants to create a working agreement that all entities could agree upon to make EDC run smoothly. He stated that a working agreement or memorandum of understanding would include, among other things, such issues as a permanent meeting place, annual contributions, management of properties and appropriations of rental income. Chairman McMahan responded that the majority of those issues are outlined in the April 10, 2007 By-Laws.

**(3) EDC DIRECTOR:** Mr. Fulton stated that EDC plans to fund a Director position for a period of one year. Chairman McMahan stated that pursuant to Article 6 of the By-Laws, the *Director and staff will be employees of the county and will be employed at the discretion of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners*. The county would provide adequate office space. A job description and salary will be approved by the county and EDC and is anticipated that the position could possibly be advertised in September. EDC representatives will attend the interviews.

Commissioner Shelton stated that because Jackson County is unique, economic development should take an approach different from other counties. Mr. Hansen stated that the scope of projects will be different.

(4) **TAXES:** Chairman McMahan stated that pursuant to G. S. 105-385, the county has a duty to pay taxes on the real property it accepted from JDC which amounts to approximately \$30,000 to the county and \$5,800 to the Town of Sylva. Thus, the county must appropriate an additional \$36,000 within the next month.

There being no further business, Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Shelton seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Attest:

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Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

Approved:

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Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman

