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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
DECEMBER 17, 2007**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on December 17, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., Justice & Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Joe Cowan, Vice Chair
Tom Massie, Commissioner
Mark Jones, Commissioner
Kenneth L. Westmoreland, County Manager
Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to the Board

Absent: Brian T. McMahan, Chairman
William Shelton, Commissioner

Vice Chair Cowan called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public input on a proposed Animal Control Ordinance.

(1) Mary Adams requested that a spay/neuter program be included in the ordinance. She stated that spaying and neutering has been proven to significantly reduce euthanizing unwanted pets.

(2) Jimmy Carden requested that persons selling animals in public places be required to obtain a license which reflects that the animals have been vaccinated.

(3) Veronica Nichols recommended that spay/neuter regulations be included in the ordinance. She presented statistical figures concerning pet over population which result in additional costs to the county.

Commissioner Massie recommended that paragraph "E" of Section 17 be omitted from the Ordinance because insurance underwriters will not insure an animal who has been declared "dangerous".

There being no further public comments, Commissioner Massie moved that the hearing be adjourned. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Attested By:

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

Approved:

Joe Cowan, Vice Chair