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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
JULY 7, 2008**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on July 7, 2008 at 5:45 p.m., Room A201, Justice & Administration Building, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

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

Chairman McMahan called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose is to receive public input on the proposed application for the 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 from the state to counties each year through an application process. The total FY08-09 allocation for Jackson County is \$150,485 which includes \$71,457 for the elderly and disabled, \$68,937 for the rural general public and \$10,091 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 Cowan moved to adjourn the public hearing. Commissioner Shelton seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote and the hearing adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Attested By:

Approved:

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman