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**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
JULY 18, 2011**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on July 18, 2011 at 5:45 p.m., Justice & Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Jack Debnam, Chairman	Chuck Wooten, County Manager
Doug Cody, Vice Chair	Evelyn Baker, Clerk to Board
Mark Jones, Commissioner	
Charles Elders, Commissioner	Absent: Joe Cowan, Commissioner

Chairman Debnam called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose of the public hearing is to solicit public input concerning partnering with Region A for a Community Development Block Grant from the NC Division of Community Assistance for the development of a comprehensive economic development strategy for the region.

Ryan Sherby, Southwestern Commission Region A representative, stated he intends on applying for a CDBG grant. The NC Regional Councils are being asked to develop a comprehensive economic development plan for the region and consolidate the 17 regional plans into a single statewide plan. The NC Division of Community Assistance has offered to provide a grant to each regional council; however, regional councils are not an eligible entity for CDBG funds and need a governmental entity to act as a conduit for grant funds. The only responsibility the county will have is to receive and disburse the grant funds. Region A would assume responsibility for all required reporting associated with the grant. Another public hearing will be scheduled after an application is received and finalized.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None

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

Attested By:

Approved:

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to Board

W. J. Debnam, Chairman