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DATE: August 15, 2025

TO: Jackson County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Cris Weatherford, Jackson County DSS Director

SUBJECT: DSS Board Appointments

The Jackson County Department of Social Services has had two vacancies in the five-member board since June 30th, 2025. The two outgoing board members have agreed to stay on until new appointments are made by the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners.

We have received two high-quality applicants who have agreed to serve on our board. Meagan Crews is the Director of the Mental and Behavioral Health Program operated in Jackson County Public Schools. She has a Masters of Science in Social Work and has experience working in Child Welfare in Jackson County. It is extremely important for us to have great working relationships and connections in our school system to help protect children. Meagan would be an asset to our Board and Organization.

Heather Baker, Esq. has served as an attorney in many capacities including serving as County Attorney and DSS Attorney. She is keenly aware of the many legal challenges our agency has and can help guide our agency that are unique to our work and issues. Heather would also make a very important board member to have on our team.

Thank you for your consideration in these two appointment applicants. If these appointments could be made prior to December 2025, it would relieve our two outgoing members and allow us to have quorum.

Cris Weatherford, MPA
Jackson County DSS Director

SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD			
<i>NAME</i>	<i>APPOINTED BY</i>	<i>APPOINTED</i>	<i>EXPIRES</i>
Dana Tucker, Chair 343 Workman Road Sylva, NC 28779 dtucker@jcpsmail.org 828-506-2278	Commissioners	06-04-2019 06-07-2022	06-30-2025
Charles Wolfe P.O. Box 368 Sylva, NC 28779 charles@charleswolfe.com 828-506-2896	Commissioners	06-04-2019 06-07-2022	06-30-2025
Stephen Anfinson	Governor Social Services Commission		06-30-2026
Michael Fox	Governor Social Services Commission		06-30-2026
Shannon Cowan	Social Services Board Member	07-08-2024	06-30-2027

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Two members appointed by Board of Commissioners, two members appointed by the Governor, one member is selected by the majority vote of the other four members. If they are unable to agree, the fifth member is chosen by the Senior Superior Court Judge of the county.

3-year terms and may be renewed one time for a total of six years
Cris Weatherford, DSS Director