

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
FEBRUARY 04, 2020**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on February 04, 2020, at 5:55 p.m., Justice and Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Brian McMahan, Chairman	Don Adams, County Manager
Boyce Deitz, Vice Chair	Heather C. Baker, County Attorney
Mickey Luker, Commissioner (via speakerphone)	Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board
Ron Mau, Commissioner	
Gayle Woody, Commissioner	

Chairman McMahan called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose was to receive public input concerning Text Amendments to Article IV, Section 4.3.5, Article V, Section 5.3, Article X, Section 10.3, Article XI, Section 11.2.

Michael Poston, Planning Director, stated that since the Fall of 2019, the Planning Department had been working with the Planning Board on amendments to the UDO. The amendments that were being recommended to the Board of Commissioners addressed the sedimentation control regulations, the definition of heavy industry and the subdivision regulations. The changes to the sedimentation control regulations included limiting the maximum cut and fill slopes allowed, required ground cover to exposed slopes within seven days of the date it was disturbed and provided more options in bringing sites back into compliance. The subdivision regulation amendment limited the maximum cut and fill slopes allowed in alignment with recommended changes to the erosion control regulations.

The Planning Board also addressed the definition of heavy industry. The current definition was very broad and limited industrial opportunities of any size and scope in the county. The proposed definition would provide more opportunities for smaller industrial operations, but would still regulate industrial uses that created external impacts like noise production, odor, dust, vibration or adverse impacts to soil, water and air quality.

On December 19, 2019 the Planning Board held a public hearing on these proposed amendments and recommended that the Commissioners consider adoption.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

There being no public comment, Commissioner Mau moved that the public hearing be adjourned at 5:58 p.m. Commissioner Woody seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman