The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on August 06, 2019, at 5:50 p.m. Justice and Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Brian McMahan, Chairman
Boyce Deitz, Vice Chair
Ron Mau, Commissioner
Gayle Woody, Commissioner

Absent: Mickey Luker, Commissioner

Chairman McMahan called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose was to receive public input concerning the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), which included proposed changes to the Cashiers Regulated District regarding landscaping and buffering and setback regulations.

Michael Poston, Planning Director, stated that they started the process in August, 2017, to recodify the ordinance structure, taking about 20 different ordinances and putting them together. This created a more streamlined and efficient development standards document.

They streamlined administration, enforcement and unified the definition section. This allowed them to take the next step of working with boards and committees to address changes they noted throughout the process. Changes were made to the document based on state statutes, state agency regulations and case law, as necessary. They also looked at the ridgeline maps that were proposed to be adopted with the UDO.

Since the document was last presented to the Board of Commissioners in a work session, they made a clarification with the enforcement process. It was always implied that the county planning department and inspections department could withhold their permit and inspections if they were compliant with all permits required, including state and federal. The document had been presented to all three planning councils and the planning board with public hearings starting in February, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

There being no public comment, Commissioner Deitz moved that the public hearing be adjourned at 5:55 p.m. Commissioner Mau seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela M. Winchester, Clerk
Approved: Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman