

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
DECEMBER 12, 2019**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on December 12, 2019, 6:00 p.m., Cashiers Recreation Center Gymnasium, 355 Frank Allen Road, Cashiers, North Carolina.

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

Don Adams, County Manager
Heather C. Baker, County Attorney
Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Chairman McMahan called the meeting to order.

(1) **AGENDA**: Commissioner Mau moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Woody seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

(2) **MINUTES**: Commissioner Deitz moved to approve the minutes of a Special Meeting of November 07, 2019 and a Work Session of November 12, 2019. Commissioner Woody seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

(3) **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**: None.

(4) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**: Commissioner Woody stated that she had the privilege of attending a Rotary Club meeting in Cashiers on Wednesday. She was so impressed to witness the wonderful gift that the Rotary Club gave of \$130,000 to Vecinos Group to provide a new mobile clinic van and retrofit the existing van. They would now have two mobile clinics to serve the migrant populations throughout the county.

Also, she recently returned from Washington, D.C., where she represented the seven western counties from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. They had a wonderful week of meetings with state and national representatives. They also had a meeting at the White House and was given excellent information from Presidential Staff.

(5) **COUNTY MANAGER REPORT**: None.

(6) **INFORMAL COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**:

(a) Ralph Slaughter of Cashiers welcomed the Commissioners to Cashiers. He was disappointed that Commissioner Luker was not in attendance. It had been three or four months since he had been at a meeting and he did not think it was right. As a citizen of District Four, he was not being represented.

(b) Carol Stork of Cashiers inquired if they were working on anything to improve the roads with the additional traffic that the High Hampton project was sure to bring. Would there be any road widening, center lanes or sidewalks?

Chairman McMahan pointed her to Michael Poston, Planning Director, who was in attendance, for information regarding the matter.

(c) Dick Darnall of Glenville stated he was concerned about internet and phone service in the area.

(7) CASHIERS RECREATION CENTER MASTER PLAN PROCESS: Eric Farmer, Cashiers Glenville Recreation Center Site Manager, presented the Cashiers Recreation Center Master Plan Process.

- (a) What was ONE activity you are most excited about?
- Walking/Biking 45.51%
 - Swimming 33.83%
 - Active sports games 8.68%
 - Disc golf 2.40%
 - Fishing 3.59%
 - Wildlife viewing 5.99%
- (b) What top amenity/feature of the park would you like to see?
- Restrooms 5.71%
 - Trails/pathways 35.44%
 - New pool 41.14%
 - Splash pad 3.90%
 - Additional sports fields 3.30%
 - Playgrounds 1.20%
 - Nature areas 9.31%

They would be having a meeting with Equinox in January to see where they were with the report. They were many exciting things happening.

Commissioner Woody stated that she appreciated the way they gathered information for the process.

Informational item.

(8) US 441 CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS: Caroline LaFrienier, Planner I, stated that there had been a request from Sequoyah National Golf Club, LLC regarding their current property zoning as Golf Course Community District (GC). The applicant requested a text amendment to the Golf Course Community District that would require a Special Use Permit for Hotel/Motels in excess of 35' in structure height. The Ordinance for which the text amendment was requested: Article 9 - Regulated Districts; Section - 9.5 U.S. 441 Gateway District; Section - 9.5.5 Character Areas, Golf Course Community District.

The Planning Department requested that the Board call for a public hearing on January 7th at 5:55 p.m., to give the public an opportunity to comment.

Motion: *Commissioner Deitz moved to set a public hearing on January 7th at 5:55 p.m. to be held at the Justice & Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina. Commissioner Mau seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

(9) CASHIERS COMMERCIAL AREA SECTION OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS: Caroline LaFrienier, Planner I, stated that the Cashiers Planning Council and the Planning Staff had worked on amendments to Section 9.3.5 of the Cashiers Commercial Area section of the Unified Development Ordinance. The proposed amendments would support village character with architectural design guidelines and standards as recommended in the Cashiers Small Area Plan. A public hearing was held prior to this meeting with no public comment.

Motion: *Commissioner Mau moved to adopt the Cashiers Commercial Area Section of the Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendments and Statement of Consistency, as presented. Commissioner Woody seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

(10) **AIRPORT AUTHORITY**: *Carry over.*

(11) **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**: *Carry over.*

(12) **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**: *Carry over.*

(13) **PLANNING BOARD**: *Carry over.*

(14) **TUCKASEIGEE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY**:

Motion: *Commissioner Woody moved to reappoint Ron Mau to serve another three year term on the Tuckasegee Water and Sewer Authority, term expiring December 31, 2022. Commissioner Deitz seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

(15) **PRESS CONFERENCE**: None.

Commissioner Deitz stated that he appreciated what Mr. Slaughter said. They did not have a person sitting at the table and that was true. Many times there was a perception by many people in the area that they were overlooked and sometimes perception was true. But, he wanted them to know that they were not overlooked. The Board felt strongly about the job they were doing and they were not trying to play politics, they were trying to get things done in the county. They have not forgotten them and were not looking over them. There would be an election in a few months and they could decide.

There being no further business, Commissioner Deitz moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mau seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman