

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
DECEMBER 06, 2022**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session on December 06, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Justice and Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

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| Present: | Mark A. Letson, Chairman | Don Adams, County Manager |
| | Todd Bryson, Vice Chair | Heather C. Baker, County Attorney |
| | Mark Jones, Commissioner | Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to the Board |
| | John W. Smith, Commissioner | |
| | Tom Stribling, Commissioner | |

Chairman Letson called the meeting to order.

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

(2) **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**: None.

(3) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**: None.

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

(5) **INFORMAL COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**: None.

(6) **FY24 COMBINED CAPITAL PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR TRANSIT**: Mr. Adams stated the Capital Program Grant application would be for a vehicle for the Transit program, replacing video equipment for all Transit vehicles and computers. The total project cost would be \$148,384, which would require a 10% match of \$14,839 from the county. April Alm, Transit Director, would be at the December 13th work session where this item would be on the agenda to provide further details.

He requested a public hearing be set on December 20th at 12:55 p.m.

Motion: *Commissioner Jones moved to set a public hearing on December 20th at 12:55 p.m. for the FY24 Combined Capital Program Grant Application for Transit, as requested. Commissioner Bryson seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

(7) **SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT SERVICE SIDEARM**: Mr. Adams requested authorization for the Sheriff, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 20-187.2, to present service sidearms to Lieutenant Rick Buchanan and Deputy Derek Robinson. Both retired from service on December 1, 2022.

He recommended that the price for the sidearms be set at \$1.00. It was recommended that the firearms be declared surplus and be authorized to present the sidearms, as requested. In addition, the Sheriff Office should provide the serial numbers and descriptions of the weapons to the Finance Director for removal from the fixed asset inventory and replace with a new sidearms at no cost to the county.

Motion: Commissioner Stribling moved to declare the sidearms surplus for \$1.00 and authorized presenting them as requested. He directed the Sheriff's Office to provide the serial numbers and descriptions of the sidearms to the Finance Director and replace the sidearms at no cost to the county. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(8) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BANK DEPOSITORY AS A CENTRAL DEPOSITORY (R22-26): Darlene Fox, Finance Director, stated that Resolution 22-26 would designate Wells Fargo Bank as the official depository of the county. It would also authorize the Finance Director and Assistant Finance Director to sign any checks and be countersigned by Mr. Adams and Chairman Letson.

Motion: Commissioner Bryson moved to approve the Resolution Designating Bank Depository as a Central Depository R22-26, as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(9) COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS-BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Mr. Adams stated that this item was a continuation from the organizational meeting.

(a) Chairman Letson requested to be considered for appointment on: Southwestern Rural Planning Organization (RPO), Vaya Health Board of Directors and Transit Advisory Board.

(b) Commissioner Bryson stated that with the potential conflict with the Mountain Projects Board, he would not pursue being on that board at that time. He requested to be considered for appointment on: Road Naming Board, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and Emergency Food and Shelter Board.

(c) Commissioner Jones stated he would request to continue serving on: Public Library Board, Tourism Development Authority and Tuckaseegee Water and Sewer Authority.

(d) Commissioner Smith requested to be considered for appointment on: Road Naming Board and Mountain Projects.

(e) Commissioner Stribling requested to be considered for appointment on: Fire Commission, Health Board and Recreation and Parks Advisory Board. He also requested to continue serving on the Council on Aging.

Motion: Commissioner Smith moved to approve the appointments as requested and listed. Commissioner Stribling seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(10) PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

There being no further business, Commissioner Stribling moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Mark A. Letson, Chairman