

**MINUTES OF A
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
FEBRUARY 02, 2024**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Meeting on February 02, 2024, 10:00 a.m., Justice and Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Mark A. Letson, Chairman	Darlene Fox, Interim County Manager
Todd Bryson, Vice Chair	Debra Bechtel, Interim County Attorney (Via Zoom)
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) COUNTY MANAGER: Ms. Bechtel stated this was an exciting day for citizens of the county and for county employees. The Board had worked incredibly hard, along with great assistance from Kathleen Breedlove, Human Resources Director. After extensive interviewing, the Chairman could announce the next County Manager.

Chairman Letson stated they had a pool of wonderful candidates and it was a tough decision. The Board selected Kevin King to be the next County Manager. He was more than qualified and was a Jackson County resident. They looked forward to all the wonderful things he would bring to the table and to lead the county in the right direction.

Commissioner Bryson thanked everyone who applied and interviewed. It was a hard decision.

Commissioner Smith stated they had many good applicants. All of the Commissioners came down to the same top two candidates. He thought they got the best one.

Commissioner Jones stated this was his third opportunity to be a part of the group to select a County Manager. It was a difficult decision and the toughest of all he had been a part of. They chose an excellent candidate to take the county to the next level.

Commissioner Stribling congratulated Mr. King on becoming the new County Manager. It was difficult because there were a lot of good applicants. He thought they made the right choice.

Motion: *Commissioner Smith moved to approve Kevin King's contract to be the next County Manager and to authorize Chairman Letson to sign the contract. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried.*

Chairman Letson congratulated Mr. King and stated he looked forward to his April 8th start date.

Commissioner Jones thanked Ms. Fox for her help in the interim.

Chairman Letson thanked Ms. Bechtel and Ms. Breedlove for their hard work in the process.

There being no further business, Commissioner Stribling moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bryson seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Attest:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Approved:

Mark A. Letson, Chairman