

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on September 17, 2015, at 5:50 p.m., Justice & Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Brian McMahan, Chairman
Mark Jones, Vice Chair
Charles Elders, Commissioner
Vicki Greene, Commissioner
Boyce Deitz, Commissioner

Chuck Wooten, County Manager
Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board
Heather Baker, County Attorney

Chairman McMahan called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose was to receive public input for consideration of the proposed Justice Center Security Ordinance.

Mr. Wooten stated that they were preparing to implement the single-point of entry in the Justice Center and as part of the implementation, they felt an ordinance was necessary to define the procedures that will be used regarding consequences, should someone not abide by the ordinance. This would be the authority that the Sheriff's Office would have to enforce the necessary security measures in the building. The Commissioners have gone through the ordinance, Judge Letts and the Sheriff have reviewed it and now the document is ready to move forward.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carl Iobst of Cullowhee stated he is opposed to the Justice Center Security ordinance. The ordinance places an undue burden and therefore infringes upon his creator given rights of petition of office holders. Therefore it is unconstitutional, null and void. He urged Commissioners to vote "no" on the ordinance.

There being no further public comments, Commissioner Elders moved that the public hearing be adjourned. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman