

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
JULY 21, 2016**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on July 21, 2016, 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

Heather C. Baker, Interim County Manager/Attorney
Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Chairman McMahan called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose was to receive public input for consideration of two applications received for road name changes.

Wanda Hall, 911 Addressing Director, stated she had received petitions to rename two roads: Gay Road to Greenway Road and Mountain Trace Road to Cloverdale Road. The petitions must be signed by at least 51% of property owners, which she did receive.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- (a) Rusty Ellis, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that in regards to the Gay Road to Greenway Road change, as part of the PARTF Grant application process, they did document public comment that requested the road name be changed.
- (b) Darrell Woodard, Chief of Savannah Fire Department, stated that the Fire Department supported the name change of Gay Road to Greenway Road. The current road sign had been stolen several times in the past and made it difficult for emergency services to find the location.
- (c) James Buchanan of the Savannah Community stated that he and his sister owned 50 acres off of Gay Road and they supported the name change.
- (d) Timothy Jenkins, the new owner of Blue Ridge on the Mountain, stated that they were requesting the road name change from Mountain Trace to Cloverdale so that the road change was more accommodating to the new name and image of the facility.
- (e) Chad Parker, Public Works Director, stated that from a public works standpoint, he urged Commissioners to choose road names carefully.

There being no public comments, Commissioner Deitz moved that the public hearing be adjourned. Commissioner Greene seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman