

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
MARCH 20, 2017**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session on March 20, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Justice & Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Brian McMahan, Chairman
Charles Elders, Vice Chair
Boyce Deitz, Commissioner
Mickey Luker, Commissioner
Ron Mau, 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 Deitz moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Elders seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

(2) **MINUTES**: Commissioner Elders moved to approve the minutes of a Regular Meeting of March 06, 2017 and a Work Session of March 14, 2017. Commissioner Mau seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

(3) **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**: Chairman McMahan stated he attended the Good Samaritan Clinic Board Meeting last Thursday and they were progressing with their merger with Blue Ridge Health. The federally qualified health center would be opening in the same location as the Good Samaritan Clinic. He and the Mr. Adams had recently toured the facility and looked at the proposed changes. Blue Ridge Health planned to open on April 1st.

(4) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**:

(a) Commissioner Deitz stated he recently had an opportunity to help with Meals on Wheels delivery and he thought it was an excellent program. He encouraged others to volunteer their time for the program and to speak to representatives about the importance of continuing the program.

(b) Commissioner Elders stated his store was one of the distribution points for the Meals on Wheels program and he thought it was very important. He encouraged everyone to talk with their representatives to keep the program going. Also, he attended the Mountain Projects meeting and, along with Commissioner Deitz, attended the TWSA meeting, which was a good meeting.

(c) Commissioner Luker echoed comments already made regarding the Meals on Wheels Program and stated they were in desperate need of volunteers. Being on the Department on Aging Board was the most rewarding board he had served on. Also, he attended the Farm Land Preservation Community Outreach Program in Little Canada. It was a great meeting and was well-attended.

(d) Commissioner Mau stated he attended the Tourism Development Authority meeting last week, where they decided to make a contribution to Mainspring Conservation Trust for the Panthertown project.

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

(6) INFORMAL COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC: T.J. Walker of Dillsboro, stated that the warm water boating months, at best, were four months out of the year. Last year, because of lack of water, many rafting businesses closed down early. They needed a proposed plan that would bring more people to rooms, restaurants and the community during the off-season months. The only people in the river during off-season time were fishermen. The demographics for the area were more favorable for the fishing market. He was impressed with Mr. Custer and his willingness to do due diligence and he did have a fishing component in one of his businesses.

(7) CONSENT AGENDA:

(a) Darlene Fox, Finance Director, presented the Finance Report for February, 2017 for approval.

(b) Darlene Fox, Finance Director, presented three Budget Ordinance Amendments for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, for approval.

(c) Darlene Fox, Finance Director, presented one Capital Project Ordinance for approval.

(d) Brandi Henson, Tax Collector, presented, Tax Collector and Refund Reports for February, 2017, for approval.

Motion: *Commissioner Elders moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Deitz seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

(8) LEASE AND USE AGREEMENT WITH TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TDA): Robert Jumper, TDA Chairman, presented the Lease and Use Agreement with the TDA for “Old Chamber Building” located at 116 Central Street, Sylva, for a one year period with a monthly rent amount of \$500.00, which had been approved by the TDA Board.

Motion: *Commissioner Luker moved to enter into the Lease and Use Agreement with the TDA, as presented. Commissioner Mau seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

(9) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH WNC OUTDOOR DEVELOPMENT, LLC: Rich Price, Economic Development Director, presented the Economic Development Agreement with WNC Outdoor Development, LLC. Prior to this meeting, a public hearing was held where there was a productive conversation with public comment. He was convinced that this was still a worthwhile endeavor and the project was set to impact the county positively for a long time.

The concerns that were brought up relative to traffic, congestion and pedestrian flow, were issues that he believed the county and his office would need to be involved in over the next few years as they worked to mitigate those issues. The opportunity to impact Dillsboro and the county positively was still very prevalent.

Chairman McMahan stated that during the public hearing, they heard valid and relative questions that he did not know the answer to at that time. He proposed that the Commissioners table this item until the first meeting in April. This would give them time to forward the questions in writing to Mr. Price, giving him a chance to work with Mr. Custer and provide responses to the questions.

Commissioner Deitz stated he would like to make a decision on the matter that evening, but in order for the Commissioners to do their due diligence with the public hearing, he felt they needed time to digest comments that were made.

Commissioner Elders stated the Board valued every comment and question asked during the public hearing and should evaluate each one in order to make a final decision.

Consensus: *Carry this item over to the April 3rd regular meeting for consideration.*

(10) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF PROPERTY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (R17-06): *Carry over.*

(11) COUNCIL ON AGING:

Motion: *Commissioner Elders moved to reappoint Mary Barker and Joanne Luker to three year terms on the Council on Aging, terms to expire April 01, 2020. Commissioner Mau seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

(12) SEDIMENT CONTROL BOARD:

Motion: *Commissioner Luker moved to appoint Alex Stillwell to a four year term on the Sediment Control Board, term to expire March 09, 2021. Commissioner Elders seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

(13) TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Motion: *Commissioner Luker moved to appoint Mark Jones to a four year term on the Tourism Development Authority, term to expire December 02, 2018. Commissioner Mau seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

(14) PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

There being no further business, Commissioner Elders moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mau seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman