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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
May 6, 2003**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a second Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 6, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. in Courtroom Two, Justice & Administration Building, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Stacy Buchanan, Chairman
Roberta Crawford, Vice Chairman
Joe Cowan, Commissioner
Brian McMahan, Commissioner
Eddie Madden, Commissioner
Kenneth L. Westmoreland, County Manager
Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Buchanan called the hearing to order and stated the purpose is to receive public input on a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2003 Scattered Site Housing Program for Jackson County.

Joan Stillwell updated the status of the grant since the last public hearing. The county has received verbal approval of the environmental review filed pursuant to the terms of the grant. All municipalities are in agreement with the conditions of the grant. The "Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds" has been posted and the last day for public comment at the local level is May 12, 2003. The deadline for the DCA/CFC to accept objections to the Release of Funds is May 28th. The county will have until June 15th to finish meeting the conditions and hopefully be in a position to start rehabilitation projects in July. Mobile homes may qualify for rehabilitation; however, there are very strict guidelines

Mr. Westmoreland reported that the county would be eligible every third year for this \$400,000 non-competitive appropriation. If all the funds are expended prior to the deadline, then the county is eligible to receive an additional \$100,000. Jackson County has never participated in this program.

Linda Haggard, Director of the First Methodist Church Home Repair Ministry, requested that her group be allowed to participate in this program. The Church started a home repair program last August, has an advisory board and a licensed contractor.

Mrs. Stillwell was commended for her work on this grant.

There being no further public comments, Commissioner Crawford moved that the hearing be adjourned. Commissioner Madden seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote and public hearing adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Attested By:

Approved:

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

Stacy Buchanan, Chairman