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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
JANUARY 18, 2005**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., 399 Grindstaff Cove Road, Room A201, Sylva, North Carolina.

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

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to Order.

AGENDA: Commissioner Cowan moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner McMahan seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MINUTES: Commissioner Crawford moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2005 and Reconvened Meeting of January 12, 2005. Commissioner Cowan seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

INFORMAL COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

(1) FINANCE and TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2004: Commissioner Madden moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner McMahan seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

(2) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: None.

(3) COMMISSIONERS' REPORT: None.

(4) COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Westmoreland reported that he would be distributing the Budget Calendar at the staff meeting on January 19, 2005.

(5) SOUTHERN LUMBER CO. (STOVALL) REVOLVING LOAN: Commissioner Madden moved to approve the request contingent upon the County Attorney approving an appropriate road right-of-way and utility easement agreement. Commissioner Crawford seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(6) AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/04: Commissioner Cowan moved to approve the Johnson, Price & Sprinkle, P.A. audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. Commissioner McMahan seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(7) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CEMETERY BOARD: Attorney Holt was directed to revise Section 2 of the proposed ordinance to reflect that all Commissioner appointments would be at-large and the Jackson County Genealogical Society and Jackson County Historical Society would make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners who will make those two appointments. A Public Hearing was scheduled for February 15, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

(8) BALSAM MOUNTAIN PRESERVE, APPEAL OF TTA PENALTY: Commissioner Crawford moved that the penalties be waived. Commissioner Madden seconded the Motion. Commissioner McMahan requested and was given permission to abstain from voting on this issue since he is employed by Balsam Mountain Preserve. Motion carried.

(9) DSS BUILDING, COMPUTER & TELEPHONE WIRING PROPOSAL: Commissioner Cowan moved to approve Metrostat Technologies' contract for a structured wiring system for the DSS Building in the Webster Complex in the amount of \$52,676.16, and applying the \$25,000 credit with Western Builders to the cost with the balance to be paid from the DSS contingency account. Commissioner Crawford seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(10) FRIENDS OF LAKE GLENVILLE ASSOCIATION, INC.: Commissioner Madden moved to table this issue. Commissioner Crawford seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(11) BLUE RIDGE SCHOOL GYM: Commissioner Madden moved to approve the \$62,500 bid of Sports Flooring Group to replace the gym floor at Blue Ridge School and Learning Environment's bid of \$3,800 to remove and replace the Hussey bleachers using ADM funds. Commissioner Cowan seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(12) **MARK WATSON PARK TENNIS COURTS:** Mr. Westmoreland recommended that the bid be awarded to Whalen Tennis Co. in the amount of \$51,800.00 and not consider adding the additional one inch of asphalt. Commissioner Crawford moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Cowan seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(13) **APPOINTMENT TO TUCKASEIGEE WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY:** Chairman Buchanan recommended Frank Wilkie be appointed to a 3-year term effective March 2005. Mr. Wilkie has agreed to serve but has other obligations he must fulfill until March. Commissioner Crawford seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(14) **ORTHO PHOTOGRAPHY BIDS:** Mr. Westmoreland reported that the cost for the ortho-photography has already been budgeted. Because color photography requires nine times the amount of computer storage as black/white, he recommended that funding for extra computer storage be appropriated from the 911 Program. Commissioner McMahan moved to approve the Mapping Services Agreement with Spectrum North Carolina, LLC, in the total amount of \$168,415.00. Commissioner Cowan seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(15) **RESOLUTION (R05-02) WEBSTER WATER BASED RECREATION & STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT:** Commissioner Crawford moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner McMahan seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Buchanan moved that the Board go into Closed Session pursuant to G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3) Legal and G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel. Commissioner Cowan seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Buchanan called the Open Session back to order and reported no action or votes were taken in Closed Session.

Chairman Buchanan recessed the meeting at 8:45 p.m. until January 19, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

Attested By:

Approved:

Evelyn B. Baker
Clerk to the Board

K. Stacy Buchanan, Chairman

