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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON  
JUNE 20, 2005**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, June 20, 2005, at 6:00 p.m., 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Room A201, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Brian T. McMahan, Chairman  
Conrad Burrell, Commissioner  
Eddie Madden, Commissioner  
Kenneth L. Westmoreland, County Manager  
Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to the Board

Absent: Roberta Crawford, Commissioner  
Joe Cowan, Commissioner  
W. Paul Holt, Jr., County Attorney

Chairman McMahan called the meeting to order.

**AGENDA:** Chairman McMahan amended the Agenda by adding Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program. Commissioner Burrell moved to approve the amended Agenda. Commissioner Madden seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Commissioner Burrell moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 6, 2005. Commissioner Madden seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

**INFORMAL COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** None.

**(1) FINANCE & TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS FOR MAY 2005 and BUDGET AMENDMENTS:** Commissioner Madden moved to approve the Finance and Tax Collector's Reports for May 2005 and Budget Amendments. Commissioner Burrell seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**(2) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Chairman McMahan distributed a copy of a letter inviting the Board to a presentation by Pathways' concerning its review of the Recreation Facility in Cullowhee for accessibility compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. at Pathway Offices on Mineral Springs Drive.

**(3) COMMISSIONERS REPORT:** None.

**(4) COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Westmoreland reported the county had received a \$16,500 grant to start a pilot recycling program in the schools.

(5) **BIDS – CASHIERS SRC IMPROVEMENTS**: Mr. Westmoreland recommended that because only one bid was received and it exceeded the engineer’s estimate, that it be rejected. He stated he was working with the engineer to reconfigure the design to make it fall within the budget. Commissioner Madden moved to reject the bid. Commissioner Burrell seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(6) **BIDS – CANADA PARK IMPROVEMENTS**: Mr. Westmoreland recommended that the bid be awarded to WNC Paving in the amount of \$248,000.00. This amount is within the overall budget for the Canada Park development and the PARTF grant. Commissioner Burrell moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Madden seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(7) **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**: Commissioner Madden moved to convey the “Former Dumpster Site” property located on Highway 107 in Cashiers consisting of 1.23 acres to Habitat for Humanity. Commissioner Burrell seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(8) **AGREEMENT W/USDA RURAL DEV. FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING RENOVATION & ASSISTANCE**: Commissioner Burrell moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Madden seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(9) **RESOLUTION (R05-19) DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT’S AGENT – HURRICANE DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM**: Commissioner Madden moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Burrell seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(10) **APPOINTMENT TO COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR NURSING & ADULT CARE HOMES**: Commissioner Burrell moved to reappoint Gail Revis to a three year term on the Community Advisory Committee for Nursing & Adult Care Homes. Commissioner Madden seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(11) **APPOINTMENT TO SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**: Commissioner Burrell moved to confirm Macon County’s reappointment of Melvin “Pete” Penland to the SCC Board of Trustees for the term of July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2009. Commissioner Madden seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(12) **RESOLUTION (R05-20) – JONES STREET PRIORITY**: This Resolution is a request that the N.C. Dept. of Transportation consider advancing the priority schedule for implementing planned improvements to Jones Street (SR1723) in order to coincide with local government and school board development plans for Smoky Mountain High School. Commissioner Burrell stated that he, Rep. Haire and Senator Snow have each requested \$100,000 in discretionary funds for this project, in addition to DOT’s \$50,000 for school bus parking. He stated that DOT should start the project this

fall and complete it by April 2006. This project will not interfere with the school operations. Commissioner Madden moved to ratify the Resolution. Commissioner Burrell seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**(13) RESOLUTION (R05-21) – DISCRETIONARY TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR SMH ACCESS ROAD:** Senator Snow asked for a Resolution requesting him to allocate \$100,000 in Contingency Funds to help fund realignment of school bus drives and school bus parking at the SMH Campus. Commissioner Burrell moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Madden seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**(14) ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROGRAM:** Paula Carden, Director, reported that the Health Dept. was notified only last week that it will not receive funds from the state for the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention program for the next fiscal year. This program has been in place for the past 15 years and has always been grant funded. She reported that the pregnancy rate in Jackson County is the third lowest in the state. The total cost is \$51,576 to which \$3,000 in donations and \$8,475 in Mini-Grant C/F will be applied leaving a balance of \$40,101. She requested that the Board support and allocate \$40,101 to continue the program. Mr. Westmoreland will review possible interdepartmental adjustments with Ms. Carden; otherwise, funding, should the Board approve this request, would be from the contingency fund. Ms. Carden stated she would continue to seek grants. A decision on this issue was carried over to the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Burrell 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)(5) Real Property. Commissioner Madden seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

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

There being no further business, Commissioner Burrell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Madden seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Attested By:

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Evelyn B. Baker  
Clerk to the Board

Approved:

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Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman

