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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
FEBRUARY 6, 2006**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on February 6, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Room A201, Sylva, North Carolina.

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

Chairman McMahan called the meeting to order.

AGENDA: Commissioner Crawford moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Burrell seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Commissioner Burrell moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2006 and Public Hearing of January 26, 2006. Commissioner Madden seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

INFORMAL COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC: None

(1) FINANCE & TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2006

2005: Darlene Fox, Finance Director, presented the following highlights:

<u>General Fund Revenues Collected to Date</u>	<u>\$ 27,909,657.98</u>
<u>General Fund Expenditures to Date</u>	<u>\$ 23,572,997.66</u>
<u>Ad Valorem Tax Collected</u>	<u>\$ 18,845,811.66</u>
<u>Motor Vehicle Tax Collected</u>	<u>\$ 519,613.13</u>
<u>Sales & Use Tax for November 2005</u>	<u>\$ 927,655.28</u>
<u>Refund of Sales & Use Tax for FYJune 2006</u>	<u>\$ 277,864.84</u>
<u>Landfill Disposal Fees Collected</u>	<u>\$ 903,485.93</u>
<u>Contingency Balance</u>	<u>\$ 91,337.57</u>

(2) BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

<u>Gov. Highway Safety Grant</u>	<u>\$ 18,923.00</u>
<u>Planning Dept (from Contingency)</u>	<u>\$ 7,800.00</u>
<u>Emergency Watershed Protection Fund</u>	<u>\$ 1,024,433.00</u>
<u>Health Dept</u>	<u>\$ 31,950.00</u>

(3) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman McMahan reported:

- (a) He expressed condolences to the family of Bruce Wike, former Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.
- (b) He and Mr. Westmoreland met with school officials on January 20th and listened to John Cort's presentation concerning new classrooms at Fairview Elementary School.
- (c) He attended a Region A Planning Meeting on January 23rd at which time the committee adopted a resolution for presentation to the Region A Planning Council requesting the federal government to complete Corridor "K" (Hwy. 23/74 from Asheville to Chattanooga) before it considers building a new Interstate 3 from Savannah, Ga. to Knoxville, TN.
- (d) A joint budget work session was scheduled with the Board of Education on March 13, 2006, 6:00 pm, Room A227, at the Justice Center.

(4) COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Commissioner Cowan announced his candidacy for re-election. Commissioner Burrell announced that he would not be seeking re-election.

(5) COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

(6) PLANNING DEPT. REPORT: Linda Cable, Planning Coordinator, submitted a written report and stated that the Land Development Plan Committee will make a power point presentation to the county and municipalities in a joint meeting on February 13th. The committee is requesting that the Commissioners adopt the plan at that time.

Two new erosion violations were issued in January. Robby Sutton, Erosion Control Officer, is working with five other property owners concerning prior erosion violations. Ms. Cable has not received confirmation from Raleigh concerning a grant to fund two additional erosion control officer positions.

A Clearwater Contractors Workshop is scheduled on February 22nd, 8:00 a.m. at SCC.

(7) BENEFICIAL GAS PROJECT: Chairman McMahan stated that because of the uniqueness of the project the name should include "Jackson County" and recommended the name: "Jackson County Green Energy Park". Due to grant obligations, Chairman McMahan suspended the rules and Commissioner Madden moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Burrell seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Westmoreland stated that he is anticipating presenting a business plan next month regarding the development of bio-diesel fuels at the site.

(8) CASHIERS LIBRARY/SCC LANDSCAPING BIDS: Carry over. Mr. Westmoreland stated that the bids included not only the requirements of the Cashiers Development Ordinance, but additional landscape considerations of the Village Green Conservancy and other parties interested in the development of the SCC campus, library and future recreation center. Costs have been itemized reflecting what is required by the ordinance versus the additional landscaping requirements. As to the library project alone, approximately \$53,000 will be raised in the private sector and donated towards the ultimate bid award when it is accepted.

(9) RESOLUTION (R06-03) DOT SECONDARY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:

A Public Hearing was held on January 26, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. and no objections were raised. At DOT's request, Chairman McMahan suspended the rules and Commissioner Cowan moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Madden seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(10) RESOLUTION (R06-05) CHAF PROGRAM:

Joan Stillwell, Community Development Director, submitted a resolution requesting the board to authorize the county manager to sign CHAF documents without the necessity of board approval because decisions need to be made on a daily basis for purchases, contracts, expenditures and scheduling. She requested immediate board action. Chairman McMahan suspended the rules and Commissioner Burrell moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Crawford seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(11) APPOINTMENTS TO JACKSON TRAVEL & TOURISM AUTHORITY:

By letter, the Jackson TTA Board recommended that Heather Menacof, Robert Jumper, and Shane Williams be appointed and that Betty Westmoreland be re-appointed, all for three year terms.

(12) APPOINTMENTS TO CASHIERS TRAVEL & TOURISM AUTHORITY:

By letter, the Cashiers TTA Board recommended that Linda Rogers be re-appointed and Eric NeSmith be appointed, both for three year terms.

(13) APPOINTMENTS TO ROAD NAMING BOARD:

By memorandum, Wanda Hall, 9-1-1 Coordinator, stated that Brian McMahan, Roberta Crawford, Todd Dillard, Melissa Gibson and Ron Story have agreed to continue to serve if re-appointed. The terms would be for two years.

(14) APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD OF HEALTH:

By memorandum, Paula Carden, Director of Health Dept., stated that Kim Cowan has agreed to continue to serve if re-appointed. The term would be for three years.

(15) APPOINTMENTS TO REGION A ADVISORY COUNCIL:

At Region A's request, Chairman McMahan suspended the rules and Commissioner Crawford moved to re-appoint Bob Cochran to a three year term and Ed Norton to serve the unexpired term of Davis Allen Massey as an alternate on the Region A Advisory Council. Commissioner Burrell seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Cowan 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 Burrell 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 Crawford seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Attested By:

Approved:

Evelyn B. Baker
Clerk to the Board

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman