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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
August 7, 2006**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on August 17, 2006 at 5:30 p.m., Room A201, Justice & Administration Building, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

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

Chairman McMahan called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public input concerning a permit application for construction of a cell tower to be located on US 441, Sheeprack Cove Road on Bill Parker's property.

Bill Howard, Manager of EQV Development, authorized agent for Highpoint Towers and Cingular Wireless, stated that the cell tower is not only important for Cingular Wireless, but ultimately will be an important link in the county's wireless infrastructure. EQV attempted to co-locate on existing structures; however, no suitable structures were available. EQV proposes to construct a 160' monopole and a 60' x 50' compound on 8.24 acres of primarily undeveloped land owned by Bill Parker. The dense vegetation at the site will effectively screen the tower, the compound area and 130' of the monopole will be concealed by trees. The monopole and compound will be engineered and built to accommodate five additional co-locating carriers in addition to Cingular Wireless. He stated that all federal and state regulatory agencies approved a 180' pole, but EQV reduced the height to 160' for aesthetic reasons. Two balloon tests were conducted and the pole should have very little impact to the area. EQV is requesting a waiver of 13' on the east side of the monopole; however, the pole is specifically designed and engineered with buckle points so that it will fall within the 100' radius as required by the county ordinance. He stated the application fully complies with the county's ordinance.

There being no further comments, Commissioner Crawford moved that the public hearing be adjourned. Commissioner Burrell seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote and the hearing adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Attested By:

Approved:

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman