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**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
FEBRUARY 15, 2010**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on February 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., Justice & Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Tom Massie, Vice Chair
Joe Cowan, Commissioner
William Shelton, Commissioner

Ken Westmoreland, County Mgr.
Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to Board

Absent: Brian McMahan, Chairman
Mark Jones, Commissioner

Vice Chair Massie called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose was to receive public input on a proposed Code of Ordinances.

Mike Egan, Consulting Attorney, stated the purpose of this Ordinance is to reassign functions in most cases to the Board of Adjustment. This reassignment is also justified by the improved administrative efficiency resulting from only having to train one board to perform them. The Ordinance standardizes the procedures for processing and deciding appeals and variances, standardizes penalties, allowing individual ordinances to specify greater penalties and decriminalizes violations unless ordinance specifies otherwise. The Ordinance makes the Board of Adjustment the entity authorized to hear appeals and variances from the following ordinances: Flood Damage Protection, Land Development Compliance Permits, Off-Premises Sign Control, Outdoor Lighting, Subdivisions, Telecommunications, Industrial Development, Manufacture Home Parks, Mountain & Hillside Development, and the Airport Hazard District, and establishes standards for granting variances. The Ordinance makes the planning director, rather than building inspectors, the administrator of the Scott's Creek Watershed Protection District regulations, flood damage protection regulations, off-premise advertising sign regulations, industrial development regulations, and mobile home park regulations. The Ordinance repeals the provisions establishing a vested rights advisory committee. The Board of Adjustment's primary duties is to hear appeals.

Public Comments: None

There being no public comments, Commissioner Shelton moved that the public hearing be adjourned. Commissioner Cowan seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Attest:

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

Approved:

Tom Massie, Vice Chair