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**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON  
JUNE 7, 2010**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on June 7, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., Justice & Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road Sylva, North Carolina.

Present:	Brian T. McMahan, Chairman	Ken Westmoreland, Co. Mgr.
	Tom Massie, Vice Chair	Darlene Fox, Finance Director
	Joe Cowan, Commissioner	Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to Board
	William Shelton, Commissioner	
	Mark Jones, Commissioner	

Chairman McMahan called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose is to receive public input on the proposed FY2010-11 Budget and opened the floor for public comment.

**(1) SCHOOLS:** Ken Henke, Chairman, Board of Education, stated the current operating appropriation remains the same as last year. The schools appreciate the increase in the technology allotment. The capital allotment of \$14,801 will only cover the payment on the finance computer and software system.

**(2) CASHIERS LIBRARY:** Ethan Staats requested the appropriation be increased from \$175,000 to \$222,000.

**(3) SYLVA LIBRARY:** Vance Davidson requested that the staffing level be increased to a total of 15 and includes an assistant librarian, fulltime IT assistant and additional technical services staff. Most of the new staff would be hired between January – March 2011. The collections budget needs to be increased from \$73,000 to \$90,000.

**(4) FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER:** Bob Cochran stated the Family Resource Center provides parenting classes and respite services. State funding has been reduced by \$125,000 over the past two years causing a reduction of services. He requested funding be increased an additional \$11,000.

**(5) DEBTS:** Carl Iobst stated county debts must be reduced.

**(6) COMMUNITY TABLE:** Amy Grimes, Executive Director, requested an additional \$5,000 due to an increase in operating costs. Contingency funding is also needed to assist in the renovations of a new facility.

(7) **TUCKASEIGEE COMMUNITY BUILDING**: Nola Brown stated a property owner is willing to accept a portion of the purchase price now and the remainder over a period of two years at a low interest rate. She urged the Board to consider the purchase.

(8) **SYLVA LIBRARY**: Mary Otto Selzer stated the new library will be about four times larger than the present facility, thus funding for additional staff and materials is necessary.

There being no further public comments, Commissioner Shelton moved that the public hearing be adjourned. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Attested By:

Approved:

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Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

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Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman