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**MINUTES OF THE RECONVENED
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
JUNE 26, 2007**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Reconvened Session on Thursday, June 26, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., Room A201, Justice & Administration Building, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman
Joe Cowan, Vice Chair
Tom Massie, Commissioner
William Shelton, Commissioner
Mark Jones, Commissioner
Kenneth L. Westmoreland, County Manager
W. Paul Holt, Jr., County Attorney
Evelyn Baker, Clerk to Board

Chairman McMahan called the reconvened meeting to order.

AGENDA: Chairman McMahan moved to amend the Agenda by adding Budget Amendment, Jackson County Public Schools, 911 Dispatching, Main Branch Library, Sunday SRC Operations. Commissioner Shelton seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

(1) BUDGET AMENDMENT: Darlene Fox, Finance Director, presented a general fund budget amendment in the amount of \$346,084.06 to close out FY2006-07. Commissioner Cowan moved to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Shelton seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(2) BUDGET:

(a) **Public Schools:** Mr. Westmoreland stated that he received a letter on June 25 from the School Superintendent requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$64,884.00 for non-certified school employees. He recommended that no action be taken at this time. The increase initially recommended included all salary adjustments in addition to a 2% supplement for non-certified employees and the combination of the two, the anticipated 3.4% salary adjustment plus the 2%, actually exceeds the additional request.

(b) **911 Dispatching:** Mr. Westmoreland stated that the goal was to provide for three dispatchers on duty 24-7. Todd Dillard, Emergency Management Director, indicates he is still one person short in order to accomplish that goal. No action was recommended at this time; however, with Board approval, this could be accomplished by a budget amendment.

(c) Library – Supplemental Studies: Commissioner Shelton suggested that McMillan Smith Architects be requested to do an in depth study of the Historic Courthouse site and ascertain if it could accommodate a 2-story structure, taking into consideration removing the old jail, driver license office, Employment Security Office and transit operations to accommodate parking. The courthouse would also be available to the Historical Society, Genealogical Society, the arts and other cultural organizations. Because the county must appropriate funds for restoration of the courthouse, there is the potential of tying it to a new library. The cost would be \$5,000 - \$7,000 for engineering drawings and could be paid from library study funds.

Motion: Commissioner Shelton moved to retain the services of McMillan Smith Architects to re-evaluate the courthouse area and prepare preliminary drawings to ascertain the feasibility of building a 2-story library at the site and submit cost estimates within 45 days. Commissioner Massie seconded the Motion. Commissioner Massie stated that the ability to raise additional funds from the private sector would be enhanced if the library can be built at the courthouse site. Commissioner Cowan stated he served on the original library site selection committee and after visiting several potential sites, the Jackson Plaza site was unanimously selected and the property was purchased. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Cowan voting “nay”.

(d) SRC Operations – Sundays: Mr. Westmoreland stated that Sunday operations had been planned to be experimental for one year only; however, the hauling contractor, Kinsland Trucking, has indicated he must purchase two additional trailers to make the project work because the landfill in Homer, Georgia, is closed on Saturdays, thus trash must be stockpiled and indicated he would need a 3-year hauling contract in order to pay for the trailers. Mr. Westmoreland stated that funds for the contract extension would be paid from recycling revenues.

(3) **FY2007-08 BUDGET ORDINANCE**: Commissioner Jones moved to adopt the FY2007-08 Budget Ordinance. Commissioner Shelton seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

(4) **SEDIMENT CONTROL ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**: A Public Hearing was held on June 11. The proposed amendments change one acre to one-half acre, changing administrator to erosion control officer, and changing the building inspections office to planning office throughout the ordinance. Commissioner Massie recommended the following additional amendments:

Section 103, page 1: Change the effective date to “July 30, 2007”.

Section 801 A.2: Change the provision in the second sentence “within 21 calendar days” to “within 10 calendar days”.

Section 801 A.3: Change the provision in the last sentence “within 21 calendar days following completion of construction or development whichever period is shorter” to “within 10 days following completion of ground disturbing activities, excluding building foot print areas”.

Section 901 B.5: Change the last two lines of the provision “within 21 calendar days following completion of construction or development, whichever period is shorter” to “immediately, not to exceed a maximum of 10 days after disturbance”.

Commissioner Massie moved to adopt all proposed amendments. Commissioner Shelton seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There being no further business, Commissioner Cowan moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman