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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING  
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON  
JANUARY 22, 2008**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on January 22, 2008 at 5:00 p.m., Room A201, Justice & Administration Building, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Brian T. McMahan, Chairman  
Tom Massie, Commissioner  
William Shelton, Commissioner  
Mark Jones, Commissioner  
Kenneth L. Westmoreland, County Manager  
Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to the Board

Absent: Joe Cowan, Vice Chair

Chairman McMahan called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public input on the proposed amendments to the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance.

Rusty Monroe of the Center for Municipal Solutions, consultants, presented a revised ordinance which acknowledges state law and incorporates legislative intent. Section 5.2 addresses existing towers and facilities and anything that is existing, so long as it remains as originally permitted, is grandfathered; however, if the tower is modified in any manner then it must comply with the amended ordinance. Section 7.1.1.2 prohibits towers from being built on ridgelines or extending above any and all ridgelines; no portion of the tower shall extend above the ridgeline more than 20 feet above ambient tree height; prohibits towers in any residential, historic or renaissance district without documentation in the form of clear and convincing evidence to demonstrate that the facility is necessary. Section 7.1.27 addresses standards for granting special use permits. Section 20 addresses any change in ownership and/or management would require consent by the county.

The Planning Board will review the revised ordinance, proposed fee schedule and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners on February 4, 2008.

No public comments were made.

Commissioner Massie 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