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**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
of
APRIL 21, 2008**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on April 21, 2008 at 5:00 p.m., Room A201, Justice & Administration Building, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

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

Absent: Tom Massie, Commissioner

Chairman McMahan called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public input on the proposed NCDOT's proposed FY2007-08 Secondary Roads Program.

Representatives from the N.C. Department of Transportation present were: Conrad Burrell, 14th Division Representative, Joel Setzer, Division Engineer, Jonathan Woodard, District Engineer, Brian Burch, Division Maintenance Engineer, and several Right of Way Agents.

Mr. Burrell reported that the allocation for Jackson County is \$1,073,285 for FY2007-08 and the anticipated allocation for FY2008-09 is \$1,100,000. The Board of Commissioners will be requested to adopt a resolution approving DOT's proposed Secondary Road Improvements.

Mr. Setzer stated that the majority of the program consists of paving unpaved roads. Other improvements include conditional (donated) rights-of-way, spot stabilization, safety improvements, and safety signage.

Mr. Woodard stated that prior fiscal year programmed projects in the amount of \$2,993,000 have now been funded. The FY2008 program is \$823,285. The FY2009 anticipated program is \$1,350,000. The FY2010 anticipated program is \$1,100,000.

Public Comments:

(1) Commissioner Jones asked if a connector road from Frank Allen Rd. to Hwy. 64 in Cashiers is on a timeline. Mr. Burrell responded that DOT is waiting on a right of way from a former company that was located in the area.

(2) Mr. Westmoreland stated there have been a number of inquiries concerning paving the Andrews Park entrance road in Glenville. Mr. Burrell responded there have been some right-of-way issues, but DOT will review the situation. Mr. Setzer stated that if right-of-way issues are resolved, DOT can apply directly to Raleigh for funds to improve the road.

(3) Susan Leveille asked if DOT was considering improving secondary roads to be used as “net-working” roads to help alleviate congestion. Mr. Burrell responded that is basically what DOT is doing now and looking at every route to improve traffic on Hwy. 107. Mr. Setzer stated the comprehensive plan that DOT is drafting will identify that type of network.

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

Attested By:

Approved:

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman

