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**MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION  
OF THE  
JACKSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2008**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Work Session on September 23, 2008, at 5:00 pm, Justice & Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Board of Commissioners:

Brian T. McMahan, Chairman  
Joe Cowan, Vice Chair  
Tom Massie, Commissioner  
Mark Jones, Commissioner  
William Shelton, Commissioner

Kenneth L. Westmoreland, County Manager  
Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to Board  
Darlene Fox, Finance Director

Chairman McMahan called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the work session is to discuss the Cashiers Community Child Development Center (CCCDC) and Hampton Preschool funding request.

Wendy Carlton, Secretary of Hampton Board of Trustees, stated that Southwestern Child Development contacted Hampton concerning a possible merger with the CCCDC in order to keep an infant and toddler program in Cashiers. She presented a 12-month combined budget which reflects expenditures of \$471,845 and revenues of \$387,510. The projected 8-month budget shortfall is \$56,223; however, Hampton will continue to review the budget. Southwestern Child Development will continue financial support of the program through state and federal subsidies, the childcare feeding program, and any other support services it offers in terms of training and technical assistance. The projected revenue includes funding from these sources.

Terry Beye, President of Hampton Board of Trustees, stated it is Hampton's intention to improve the CCCDC facility including the playground structure, bathrooms, etc. and bring it up to a five star center. Hampton future plans are to accommodate 50 children. He stated that Hampton will have no problem voiding its current lease. The merger involves 11 employees with an annual payroll, including benefits, of \$402,770. The proposed merger date is November 1, 2008. Hampton requested the county to appropriate \$56,223 which would be a one time "operational bridge". Hampton will continue its fundraising activities and anticipates, by the end of the school year, having sufficient funds for operating costs as well as additional capital needs.

Chairman McMahan stated that if the funding request is approved, then Hampton must furnish the county with frequent financial reports commencing in January 2009.

There being no further business. Commissioner Cowan moved to adjourn the Work Session. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to Board

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Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman

