

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
JULY 07, 2020**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on July 07, 2020, at 5:55 p.m., Justice & Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Brian McMahan, Chairman	Don Adams, County Manager
Boyce Deitz, Vice Chair	Heather C. Baker, County Attorney
Mickey Luker, Commissioner (via Zoom video conferencing)	Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board
Ron Mau, Commissioner	
Gayle Woody, Commissioner	

Chairman McMahan called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public input concerning a proposed Bond Order authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for indoor pool facilities in the maximum amount of \$20,000,000, subject to voter approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: David Shapiro (via Zoom video conferencing) stated that he and his wife had lived in Cullowhee full-time since 1984. He thanked the Board for pursuing the appropriate channels related to the potential construction of an indoor swimming pool in Cullowhee. He was in support of the bond order and subsequent procedures to construct the indoor pool. An indoor pool/aqua-center was a necessary part of a healthy and thriving community. An indoor pool would be among the few year-round, lifelong resources in the county. Also, an indoor pool would hold additional appeal to potential new residents. There may never be a right time for such a financial investment, but such an investment was overdue. Once constructed, the pool would reap benefits for generations to come. Taxes would be needed to offset some of the burden, but there were exemplars for how to distribute the cost burden beyond taxes. What if stakeholders got together to fund the facility? This may include the Department on Aging, child development agencies, WCU, public schools, Parks and Recreation, the medical community and private and public corporations. He was hopeful the bond order moved forward. Future generations would be the beneficiaries of the visionaries now serving the Board.

There being no further public comment, Commissioner Mau moved that the public hearing be adjourned. Commissioner Luker seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman