

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
OCTOBER 01, 2018**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session on October 01, 2018, 3:00 p.m., Justice & Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Brian McMahan, Chairman
Charles Elders, Vice Chair
Boyce Deitz, Commissioner
Mickey Luker, Commissioner
Ron Mau, Commissioner

Don Adams, County Manager
Heather C. Baker, County Attorney
Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Chairman McMahan called the meeting to order.

(1) **PROCLAMATION**: Commissioner Elders read a Proclamation declaring October 7th–13th as Fire Prevention Week in Jackson County. Commissioner Mau moved to approve the Proclamation. Commissioner Luker seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

(2) **AGENDA**: Commissioner Mau moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Elders seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

(3) **MINUTES**: Commissioner Deitz moved to approve the minutes of a Work Session of September 11, 2018 and a Regular Meeting of September 17, 2018. Commissioner Mau seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

(4) **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**: None.

(5) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**: None.

(6) **COUNTY MANAGER REPORT**: None.

(7) **INFORMAL COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**:

(a) George Durden of Sylva stated he moved to the county permanently in 2010 and quickly discovered how economically depressed the county was. He learned that TWSA and Commissioners were anti-outside new business. He was happy to hear that Republicans supported new industry coming into the county. It was the primary job of Commissioners to create jobs. He challenged the Commissioners to do their job and help the residents and especially the young residents to thrive instead of leaving the county to make a life for themselves.

(b) Marie Leatherwood of Sylva stated she disapproved of the documented Republican actions that proved them unfit for the Board.

(8) SOUTHWESTERN COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION EDA CONTRACT:

Sarah Thompson, Executive Director, congratulated the county and the community college for receiving the \$2 mil grant for the new Health Sciences Building. Southwestern Commission was designated as the Economic Development District by EDA, the federal agency funding the grant. They worked with EDA and would administer the grant. The contract was presented for consideration and approval contingent upon review by Ms. Baker and Ms. Fox.

***Motion:** Commissioner Deitz moved to approve the EDA Contract with Southwestern Commission from September, 2018 to September, 2022 for a total amount of \$30,000, contingent upon review by Ms. Baker and Ms. Fox. Commissioner Mau seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

(9) SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SERVICE SIDEARM: Sheriff Chip Hall requested authorization, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 20-187.2, to present service sidearms to:

- Charles L. Crisp, retired August 1, 2018
- Celestine Aurelia Holloman, retired on July 1, 2018
- Clyde Rice, retired on September 1, 2018

The Sheriff recommended that the price for the sidearms be set at \$1.00. It was recommended that the firearms be declared surplus and the Sheriff be authorized to present the sidearms to Mr. Crisp, Ms. Holloman and Mr. Rice. In addition, the Sheriff should be directed to provide the serial numbers and descriptions of the weapons to the Finance Director for removal from the fixed asset inventory and replace with a new sidearms at no cost to the county.

***Motion:** Commissioner Elders moved to declare the sidearms surplus for \$1.00 and authorized the Sheriff to present them to Mr. Crisp, Ms. Holloman and Mr. Rice. The Sheriff was directed to provide the serial numbers and descriptions of the sidearms to the Finance Director and replace the sidearms at no cost to the county. Commissioner Mau seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

(10) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT POLICIES: Caroline Edmonds, Planner I, presented Community Development Block Grant 09-D-2945 Compliance Plans for approval. The county received funding from the State of North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality for public water and sewer improvements at Blue Ridge School. The compliance plans were required by the State of North Carolina, to be adopted and enforced by the local government.

***Motion:** Commissioner Deitz moved to approve the compliance plans, as presented. Commissioner Mau seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

(11) EVERGREEN FOUNDATION LEASE AGREEMENT: Mr. Adams presented a proposed lease with Evergreen Foundation for property located at 154 Medical Park Loop, Sylva, containing 14,544 square feet. The lease was for 18 months to begin January 1, 2019 in the sum of \$10,000 per month. The space would serve as a temporary location for health department operations during renovations to the Community Services Building.

***Motion:** Commissioner Mau moved to enter into the lease agreement with Evergreen Foundation, as presented. Commissioner Deitz seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

(12) CONFIRMATION OF RESOLUTION R18-11: Mr. Adams presented Resolution R18-11 for consideration to affirm and approve.

***Motion:** Commissioner Luker moved to affirm and approve Resolution R18-11. Commissioner Mau seconded the Motion. Motion passed by a vote of 3-2 with Chairman McMahan and Commissioner Deitz voting "nay".*

(13) GOVERNOR’S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM RESOLUTION (R18-12):

Major Shannon Queen presented a resolution for an annual application through the Governor’s Highway Safety Program for federal funding in the amount of \$20,000 and did not require a local match.

Motion: *Commissioner Deitz moved to adopt the Resolution R18-12. Commissioner Mau seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

(14) FONTANA REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD:

Motion: *Commissioner Luker moved to appoint Mary Otto Selzer to serve a three year term on the Fontana Regional Library Board, term to expire on September 08, 2021. Commissioner Mau seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

(15) PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

(16) CLOSED SESSION:

Motion: *Commissioner Mau moved that the Board go into closed session pursuant to G.S.143-318.11(a)(5) Real Property for one item and G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel for three items. Commissioner Deitz seconded the Motion. Motion carried.*

Chairman McMahan called the regular meeting back to order and stated that no action was taken in closed session except the approval of the minutes.

There being no further business, Commissioner Elders moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Luker seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman