

**MINUTES OF A
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
JUNE 11, 2019**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Meeting on June 11, 2019, 2:23 p.m., Justice and 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 speakerphone)	Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board
Ron Mau, Commissioner	
Gayle Woody, Commissioner	

Chairman McMahan called the meeting to order.

(1) **AGENDA**: Commissioner Mau moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Woody seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

(2) **INFORMAL COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**: Gary Boyer stated he was there to address an issue he had been following for over a year. There was a daycare center off of Grindstaff Cove Road that had no protection for the children if a vehicle went off the road. There was only a chain link fence around the daycare. He wanted to secure funds to construct a guardrail around the play area as well as the building.

He had talked with DOT several times and they sent him a letter explaining that Southwestern Child Development owned the property and they had to secure an easement on the property. Southwestern Child Development was all for this guardrail. But, there were some caveats related to constructing this type of guardrail, such as there had to be an incident causing injury or death in order to construct the guardrail.

He contacted a construction company in Charlotte that handled road construction and guardrails. They sent him a contract proposal for a total cost of \$5,400, which he thought was a fair price to prevent a tragedy. He had also talked with the Town Manager of Sylva and the County Manager about pursuing the project. He would like to have public funds as he thought it was a public responsibility, but if no public funds were available, he was willing to pay for it himself. He would appreciate the Board addressing the issue and finding funds.

Chairman McMahan thanked him for checking on this and they would see what they could do.

(3) **FY2019-20 BUDGET ORDINANCE**: Mr. Adams presented the proposed FY2019-20 Budget Ordinance.

The budget total was \$80,887,266. The tax rate remained unchanged at \$0.38 per \$100 valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2019. The Cashiers Fire District rate remained unchanged at \$0.0233 per \$100 valuation of the Cashiers Fire District. The Highlands Fire District rate remained unchanged at \$0.0254 per \$100 valuation of the Highlands Fire District. A public hearing was held on June 4th with public comment.

Chairman McMahan thanked Mr. Adams, Ms. Fox and staff for all of their work on the budget process.

Motion: *Commissioner Mau moved to adopt the FY2019-20 Budget Ordinance, along with all fee schedules, as presented. Commissioner Woody seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

(4) **PRESS CONFERENCE**: None.

There being no further business, Commissioner Mau moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Luker seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman