

**MINUTES OF A
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
DECEMBER 05, 2016**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Session on December 05, 2016, 5:30 p.m., Justice & Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Brian McMahan, Chairman
Mark Jones, Vice Chair
Charles Elders, Commissioner
Vicki Greene, Commissioner
Boyce Deitz, Commissioner

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

Chairman McMahan called the meeting to order.

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

(2) **MINUTES**: Commissioner Greene moved to approve the minutes of a Closed Session Meeting of November 03, 2016; a Closed Session of November 17, 2016; a Work Session of November 15, 2016; a Public Hearing of November 17, 2016; and a Regular Meeting of November 17, 2016. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

(3) INFORMAL COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:

(a) Barbara Hamilton, Vice-Mayor of Sylva and Jackson Neighbors In Need Board Member, stated she had known Mark and Vicki for a long time and she was proud of the job they had done. They accomplished many things and dedicated a lot of time and energy to the county. She appreciated them and wish them the best. Also, she appreciated the Board for working with Jackson Neighbors In Need, they were very helpful and more than welcoming.

(b) Allison Padgett of Sylva stated she was representing the animal welfare community, including ARF, Catman2 and all of the animal rescue groups. It had been a great year for ARF and the Animal Shelter because of the work of the Commissioners. They had made progress towards a new shelter and received a new van to transport animals. She had known Vicki and Mark for a long time. Vicki had, out of her own pocket, given so much to the animal community, which was invaluable. Also, Vicki paid for one of the memorial benches at the Greenway. They had a tremendous working relationship and it was the hope and expectation of no less going forward with regards to the animal shelter and what was best for the community going forward.

(c) Kaleb Lynch of Cullowhee stated he was there for ARF, Catman2 and the Animal Shelter. He sincerely thanked Mark and Vicki for what they had done in the past year. They listened and he appreciated it. He did not want anyone to forget the animals in the community and he sincerely hoped they would move forward.

(d) Frank Burrell of Sylva thanked the Board for all they had done for the school system. He knew firsthand the importance of the Commissioners and the Board of Education working together to benefit the children in the county.

(e) Ed Jones stated he was the Commander of the Glenville VFW Post and he thanked the Board for the grant they gave to the VFW that allowed them to become fully handicap accessible.

(4) PLAQUE PRESENTATION: Chairman McMahan presented plaques to Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Greene in appreciation for their service.

(5) BOARD COMMENTS:

(a) Commissioner Deitz stated he thought both Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Greene had been positive and had accomplished a lot. He was proud of the accomplishments that had been made and he looked up to them both for always being prepared and dedicated. He appreciated what they had done and they would be missed.

(b) Commissioner Elders stated he agreed with Coach Deitz. He worked with Mark for six years and Vicki for four years. They had a few differences, but nothing they could not work out. He would miss them both.

(c) Chairman McMahan stated it had been a great honor serving with Vicki and Mark over the last two years and with Mark back in 2006. They had been two great Commissioners for the county. They always came prepared and ready to serve to make the best decisions for the county. He honored them and thanked them for their service.

(d) Commissioner Greene stated she had thoroughly enjoyed the last four years, particularly the last two years because the current Board did a lot of heavy lifting. This included \$9 mil committed to public schools, the quarter-cent sales tax that was approved and an increase of the tax rate. These were all major events that were good for the county. She would be taking a break, but would be back.

(e) Commissioner Jones stated that looking back, he was grateful for the guidance and nurturing he had in his life. He had so many fond memories of serving on the board and he was proud of all of the accomplishments they had made. He would continue to be a public servant and continue with volunteer work.

(6) PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

There being no further business, Commissioner Greene moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Elders seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman