

**MINUTES OF A
WORK SESSION
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
JUNE 11, 2024**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Work Session on June 11, 2024, 1:00 p.m., Justice and Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

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| Present: | Mark A. Letson, Chairman | Kevin King, County Manager |
| | Todd Bryson, Vice Chair | John Kubis, Interim County Attorney (Via Zoom) |
| | Mark Jones, Commissioner | Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to the Board |
| | John W. Smith, Commissioner | Darlene Fox, Finance Director |
| Absent: | Tom Stribling, Commissioner | |

Chairman Letson called the meeting to order.

(1) OFFER TO PURCHASE: Kerri Tucker, Executive Assistant to the County Manager, presented an offer received from Devis Ulloa for Lot 62, Unit 6, Holly Forest (PIN #8502-42-6606) in the amount of \$3,240.00, which was the amount the county had in the property.

Consensus: *Add this item to the next regular meeting agenda for consideration.*

(2) LIFE CHALLENGE OF WNC: Mr. King presented a requested received from Life Challenge WNC, a 12-month residential program for women 18-39. They provided treatment and counseling for those with life-controlling problems. The program was currently being served by a shared spring system. The system contained contaminants such as turbidity, bacteria, viruses, parasites or chemicals that could cause waterborne diseases and pose health risks.

They had been diligent in utilizing their residents, volunteers and paid contractors in efforts to lessen turbidity and bacteria, but attempts had not been successful. They battled maintaining a confident water source for residents and support staff. The latest upstream development and rain fall volumes compromised the spring system.

Life Challenge WNC requested consideration from the Board of Commission to fund drilling a well for a water system and the necessary electrical requirements. They were confident a drilled well would resolve the water source issues and aid in the Life Challenge mission.

General discussions were held.

Consensus: *Mr. King to request further information from Life Challenge of WNC and present at the next regular meeting for consideration.*

(3) MEETING SCHEDULE: Mr. King stated the Board had previously mentioned it had an interest in holding meetings in different locations in the county. He also noted that other counties in the state held only two meetings per month. He proposed to hold meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month and rotate once quarterly or every other month to different locations in the county.

Chairman Letson stated he thought it would be a good move to hold meetings twice per month, but wanted to have public comment at each.

Commissioner Bryson stated he thought quarterly meetings in different parts of the county would be good because there were four districts and they could meet in each district once a year.

General discussions were held.

Mr. King suggested a regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., prior to a work session at 6:30 p.m., on the first Tuesday. They could use the 6:00 time for proclamations and public comment.

Consensus: *Add an item to the next regular meeting agenda to consider amending the Meeting Schedule to hold a regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday; a work session at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday; and a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday, starting on August 1st.*

Mr. King also noted the Board customarily canceled the first Tuesday regular meeting in July.

Consensus: *Add an item to the next regular meeting agenda to consider cancelling the July 2nd regular meeting.*

(4) COUNTY ATTORNEY: Mr. King stated the county has had an interim attorney since March, 2023. He had worked with many of the attorneys at Teague Campbell and it had been very convenient and helpful to the county. Also, Mr. Kubis had done a fantastic job. At that point, he requested the Board discuss moving from an interim status to full-time County Attorney for John Kubis, along with access to attorneys in the Teague Campbell firm.

General discussions were held.

Chairman Letson stated he felt comfortable staying with Mr. Kubis and the Teague Campbell firm.

Consensus: *Add this item to the next regular meeting agenda for consideration.*

(5) OTHER BUSINESS: None.

There being no further business, Commissioner Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bryson seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Mark A. Letson, Chairman