

**MINUTES OF A
PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on September 17, 2024, at 6:25 p.m., Albert Carlton Library 249 Frank Allen Road, Cashiers, North Carolina.

Present:	Mark A. Letson, Chairman Todd Bryson, Vice Chair Mark Jones, Commissioner John W. Smith, Commissioner Tom Stribling, Commissioner	Kevin King, County Manager John Kubis, County Attorney (Via Zoom) Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to the Board
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Chairman Letson called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose was to receive public input for consideration of the proposed FY26 Community Transportation Program Application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

April Alm, Transit Director, stated one public hearing was acceptable for all four Community Transportation Program Grant Applications. As the applicant, Transit would seek permission to apply for the Public Transportation Program funding, enter into an agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, provide the necessary assurances and the required local match.

The 5311 Administrative Grant Program helped to subsidize the administrative costs of running a transportation system, which included administrative salaries and benefits, as well as office supplies, uniforms, training and marketing. The 5310 Operating Grant Program supported transportation operating costs for the elderly and individuals with disabilities.

The Combined Capital Grant Program allowed Community Transportation systems the opportunity to apply for funding to maintain a public transportation system fleet and other capital needs. This capital project consisted of two replacement vehicles (two Raised Roof vans with lifts), lettering and logos for each vehicle and two propane conversions. Also, included was a replacement repeater for radio communication. All vehicles and equipment were being requested due to having met the end of their useful life and meet the minimum requirements for replacement with NCDOT IMD.

The Non-STI Rural Expansion Vehicle Program supported rural systems interested in applying for expansion vehicles. The opportunity for funding requests made through the program would only be considered after all Combined Capital funding requests. Transit would request to apply for one expansion Raised Roof van with lift, lettering and logos and one propane conversion.

Total estimated amount requested for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026:

Project	Total Amount	Local Share
Administrative	\$212,321	\$31,849 (15%)
Combined Capital	\$241,200	\$24,120 (10%)
5310 Operating	\$165,000	\$82,500 (50%)
Non-STI Rural Expansion Vehicle	\$117,956	\$23,592 (20%)
TOTAL PROJECT	\$736,477	\$162,061

She noted the Voluntary Title VI Public Involvement forms were available to the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

There being no public comment, Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn the public hearing. Commissioner Bryson seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the public hearing adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk

Mark A. Letson, Chairman