

**MINUTES OF A  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON  
DECEMBER 03, 2024**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session on December 03, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Justice and Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present:	Mark A. Letson, Chairman	Kevin King, County Manager
	Todd Bryson, Vice Chair	John Kubis, County Attorney (Via Zoom)
	Jenny Lynn Hooper, Commissioner	Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to the Board
	Michael Jennings, Commissioner	Darlene Fox, Finance Director
	John W. Smith, Commissioner	

Chairman Letson called the meeting to order.

(1) **AGENDA**: Chairman Letson requested to amend the agenda to add one item: Commissioner Appointments. Commissioner Bryson moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Smith seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

(2) **MINUTES**: Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes of a Regular Meeting of November 19, 2024, as presented. Commissioner Jennings seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

(3) **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**: Chairman Letson welcomed the two new members to the Board, Commissioner Michael Jennings and Commissioner Jenny Lynn Hooper.

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

(5) **COUNTY MANAGER REPORT**: Mr. King stated they were looking to set a joint meeting with the Board of Education to discuss school projects in February. An RFQ would be sent out for a contractor during the development phase of the projects.

(6) **PUBLIC COMMENT**:

(a) Margaret Carton requested reappointment to the Public Library Board. It had been a pleasure to serve on the Public Library Board and the Fontana Regional Library Board for two years. During the past year she had served as Board Chair. She also requested the reappointment of Boyd Sossamon to the Public Library Board.

(b) Pat Steinbruck stated her support for the reappointment of Ms. Carton and Mr. Sossamon to the Public Library Board.

(c) Antoinette MacWatt stated her support for the reappointment of Ms. Carton and Mr. Sossamon to the Public Library Board.

(d) Dick Darnall requested the Board hold discussions with the District Attorney's Office regarding pleas and crime in the county.

**(7) PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD:**

**Motion:** *Commissioner Smith moved to appoint Marva Jennings to a three-year term on the Public Library Board. Commissioner Hooper seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

**Motion:** *Commissioner Hooper moved to appoint Kitti Chisholm to a three-year term on the Public Library Board. Commissioner Smith seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

**(8) TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

**Motion:** *Commissioner Smith moved to table this item. Commissioner Hooper seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

**(9) COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS - BOARDS/COMMISSIONS:** Chairman Letson stated, after further consideration, the Board would revisit the Commissioner appointments.

General discussions were held.

(a) Chairman Letson stated his willingness to serve on the Health Board, Southwestern Rural Planning Organization, Vaya Health and Juvenile Crime Prevention.

(b) Commissioner Bryson stated his willingness to serve on the Emergency Food and Shelter Board, Road Naming Board and Southwestern Community College Board of Trustees.

(c) Commissioner Smith stated his willingness to serve on the Council on Aging, Public Library, Road Naming Board and Trails and Greenway Committee.

(d) Commissioner Jennings stated his willingness to serve on the Fire Commission and Recreation and Parks Advisory Board.

(e) Commissioner Hooper stated her willingness to serve on the Tourism Development Authority, Transit Board and the Mountain Projects Board.

*Informational item.*

**(10) PRESS CONFERENCE:** 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 6:28 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

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Mark A. Letson, Chairman