

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on September 16, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., Justice & Administration Building, Room A227, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Jack Debnam, Chairman
Doug Cody, Vice Chair
Charles Elders, Commissioner
Mark Jones, Commissioner
Vickie Greene, Commissioner

Chuck Wooten, County Manager
Pat Parris, Clerk to Board
J. K. Coward, County Attorney

Chairman Debnam called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose is to receive public input on the proposed application for the FY2013-14 Rural Operating & Assistance Program (ROAP).

Chuck Norris, Transit Director, stated the application is recurring and the county is required to apply every year. Historically EDTAP and RGP funds have been awarded to Jackson County Transit to provide transportation services to the general public. The programs included in the Rural Operating Assistance Program application are:

1. Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance (EDTAP) Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation of elderly and disabled citizens.
2. Employment Transportation Assistance Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation of persons with employment related transportation needs.
3. Rural General Public (RGP) Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation of persons living in non-urban areas of the county.

The period of performance for Rural Operating Assistance Program funds is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The FY2014 ROAP individual program totals are:

PROGRAM	TOTAL
EDTAP	\$ 59,771
EMPL	\$ 10,064
RGP	\$ 71,183
TOTAL	\$ 141,018

RGP funds require up to a 10% match that can be provided from fares, local funds or a combination of the two. Historically, RGP fares collected during the year cover the required match.

Public Comments: None

There being no public comments, Commissioner Cody moved to adjourn the public hearing. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote and the hearing adjourned.

Attest:

Approved:

Patsy C. Parris, Clerk

W. J. Debnam, Chairman