

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON  
JUNE 04, 2015**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on June 04, 2015, at 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

Chuck Wooten, County Manager  
Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board  
J. K. Coward, Jr., County Attorney

Chairman McMahan called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose was to receive public input for consideration of the proposed FY15-16 Budget and opened the floor for public comment:

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

(a) Judy Annis stated she was speaking on behalf of Neighbors in Need and requested the Commissioners consider approving the budget amount of \$10,000 they had requested for the homeless shelter.

Chairman McMahan stated that this item would be discussed at the work session on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Wooten stated that since the budget was presented in May, a few more requests had come forward, in addition to Neighbors in Need. He received a letter from the Glenville-Cashiers Rescue Squad requesting a 4% increase in the budget, which is proposed. They also asked the Commissioners consider transferring the billing and collecting of fees associated with ambulance service to them as well. Mr. Wooten suggested this be discussed and possibly implemented with the FY16-17 budget.

A second request was from Christmas Connection, a non-profit that came before the Commissioners during budget deliberations. At that time, Commissioners suggested the group seek grants and the county would consider matching those funds. They have now secured a grant from the Hennessee Foundation for \$5,000 and are requesting that the county consider matching the funds.

Mr. Wooten stated that the FY15-16 budget is consistent with past budgets and the budget is balanced using a proposed tax of \$.28 per \$100 of property value. This tax rate has remained unchanged since July 1, 2008.

There being no further public comments, Commissioner Greene moved that the public hearing be adjourned. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Attest:

Approved:

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Angela M. Winchester, Clerk

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Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman