

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
OCTOBER 20, 2015**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on October 20, 2015, at 6:00 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
Heather Baker, County Attorney

Chairman McMahan called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose was to receive public input for consideration of the proposed Amendments to the Planning Board Ordinance.

Ms. Baker summarized the revisions to Chapter 20 of the Planning Board Ordinance:

Sec. 20-2.-Composition, vacancies and officers.

(a) The county planning board shall consist of 11 members. *All members shall be citizens and residents of Jackson County and shall serve on a rotating basis at the pleasure of the board of commissioners.* Members shall serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. Members shall be selected as follows:

(1) Five members to be appointed; one by each commissioner from his *or her* district, with the chairman's appointment to be at large.

(2) Six at-large members, *with the titles, at-large one, at-large two, at-large three, at-large four, at-large five and at-large six,* to be appointed by the board of commissioners.

(b) The chairman and vice-chairman shall be appointed annually by the board of commissioners.

(c) All terms shall be for a period of two years except that in order to establish a rotating membership, *original appointments, reappointments or appointments made to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of terms or resignation of a member, may be for only one year so that the terms of all members shall not expire at the same time.*

(d) *All terms shall commence on January 1st of the year and vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term of the member.*

(e) In the event of a vacancy, if the vacancy is one that was originally *recommended* by a commissioner, then the commissioner serving that district where the vacancy exists shall recommend a replacement member for that district. If the vacancy occurs in the position originally *recommended* by the chairman of the board of commissioners, then the chairman shall *recommend* the replacement to be at large. If the vacancy occurs in the six at-large appointments *recommended* by the board of commissioners, then the board shall *recommend* that replacement.

(f) The board of commissioners may select, at their discretion or upon the request of the chairman of the planning board, ad hoc or ex officio members, for the purpose of contributing expertise to specific projects. Ex officio members may be selected from the community at large or may be selected from organizations such as EDC, TWSA, and WCU. Ad hoc or ex officio members shall be non-voting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

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

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman